

New Braintree Historical Commission
Minutes of May 2, 2024

Present: Marjie Wisiup, Deb Morrison, Julie Rousseau, Richard Reavey
Historian: Jennifer Pollard

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Minutes of 4/4/24 - Marjie motioned to accept the minutes as read. Deb seconded. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report - \$350.00

Discussion regarding paying Dan Hamilton to make copies of DVD's, (example 350th, Quabbin Prescott Memories, Stephanie Benoit Poetry reading, oral histories that we have on the computer etc.) up to \$450.00 (Includes Historian's \$100.00 budget) Deb will ask Dan to send a bill to Commission before June 30, 2024.

The Pollard's are having a family reunion and Jennifer asked if the Commission was okay with her opening up the Commission room. All members were in agreement.

NDR - Deb received an email from Peter Stott regarding a zoom meeting on May 21, 22, or 23rd from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Deb will text members the information so that we can pick a date (possibly meet at the Church).

Oral History - Discussion on cover letters and consent form. Decided to use Consent Form Draft #2 but add at the bottom "Except for my restrictions as stated below."

Cemetery - We will start to clean gravestones on Tuesday, May 7th and May 21st. We will skip May 14th and the 28th. Finish up Webb Road.

Cusky Pond Dam - In April Richie Kennan, Joe Chenevert and Deb met with Donna Farmer and Jarod Crigg. Donnie Berthiaume met with Richie Kennan and walked the dam to get a better sense of what it is all about. Joe Chenevert wants a public meeting with the Conservation Committee, Historical Commission, Board of Selectmen, Fish and Wildlife and residents. A letter from Edward Bell, MHC, dated 4/3/24 was read to members by Deb. (See copy of letter attached). Ed sent copies of the Project Notification Form, (PNF) and attachments that were submitted to the MHC by Tighe & Bond dated 12/1/23 (see attached copy). Ed was coaching Deb to write letters to other agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers and the US Environmental Protection Agency and send copies of comments to Mass. Fish & Wildlife and the MHC. "Section 106" - for information about the process go to web site www.achp.gov." Ed also stated in his letter that if we had any questions or required information to contact Caitriona Parker. Deb will draft a letter to Caitriona Parker asking "why are they referring that Cusky Pond Dam is part of the Winimuset Wildlife Area? Deb will email members a draft of the letter.

Vault - Deb will ask Town Clerk Jess Bennett if she will purchase supplies to clean off the mold (isopropyl alcohol, masks, gloves, silica gel).

Correspondence - Received reply from Karen Eissfeldt. We will put the reply with the book.

Marjie motioned that we do not have regular monthly meetings in July and August. Deb seconded. Unanimous.

Marjie stated that the Library will be purchasing a display case to put historical artifacts in on a monthly basis. Possible ideas:

“What is this” - fun items for people to guess what it is.

Kids items - things that children wore, used, played with etc.

Marjie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m. Dick seconded. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rousseau, Secretary