December 7, 2017

**PRESENT:** Richard Barrett, Cynthia Kennison, Deb Morrison, Chris Maio

Meeting opened at 3:30 P.M.

The November minutes read and approved by members, all in favor.

Historical Commission treasury balance reported at $350.00

**OLD BUSINESS:** Oral History

The interview of Stephanie Benoit was completed by Deb Morrison.

Julie Rousseau is waiting to hear back from Marge Wissiup and Mr. and Mrs. Glidden to schedule their interviews for the beginning of the new year. Jennifer Pollard used a recorder to interview Ernst Matties as he was visiting the area for the Thanksgiving holiday.

A discussion was had regarding asking Dan Hamilton for additional help in learning how to use the equipment for interviews to ease the process.

**Members**

Richard Barrett, Cynthia Kennison, Deb Morrison, Julie Rousseau, and Chris Maio have all been sworn in as official members of the Historical Commission.

**Scenic Roads**

The members are looking forward to continuing their work and progress on the scenic roads in January.

**Shay’s Rebellion Site**

Members Deb, Julie and Richard attended a meeting which concerned property located at 40 Hardwick Road being used for a solar panel array. Letter drafted by commission members was read at the meeting. Cynthia reminded members that our responsibility is to inform of historical interests, but it is beyond our capabilities to prevent the outcome of this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
**Correspondence**

A discussion was had about the wording used for the “Old Bay Path Indian Trail” pamphlet. Some minor changes were made to clarify directions and locations referenced.

**Other**

Questions were raised as to what the exact criteria for being a member of the Historical Commission should be; specifically, regarding residence requirements. Perhaps a requirement of owning land in New Braintree will be sufficient. Deb will contact Christopher Skelly for more information.

Bibles that were reviewed at the November meeting have been donated to the Baptist church for new members in need of a Bible. This was accomplished with help from Deb’s sister, for which we thank her.

Gleason Donations – Additional Gleason donations were looked through and determined to be items that should be added to the Historical Society collection. These items included Look magazine articles about John F. Kennedy and a Farmer’s Almanac from 1957 as well as some stamps and postcards.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 P.M.