

**Minutes of the
Whately Historical Commission Meeting
August 27, 2018**

Present: Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle, Darcy Tozier, Donna Wiley.
Called to order: 5pm

The minutes for the meeting of July 16, 2018 were approved as revised.

East School:

- Chris Sawyer-Lauçanno, architect for the prospective purchaser, has requested a letter of support for an application for the building's designation as a historically significant site in town in order to qualify for Massachusetts state tax credits. Donna will draft a letter and circulate it among Commission members for feedback this week.
- The Commission agreed that the only possible listing on the National Register for the East School would be as a defining structure in the creation of an East Whately Historic District, should someone decide to nominate the district at a future date.
- Judy noted that the Planning Board may consider possible zoning changes that would support the repurposing of historic buildings if the original purpose of the building is no longer feasible.

Town Hall:

- Thanks to Alan for photos of Town Hall for the MHC preservation report. Jones Whitsett is also providing photos.
- Donna has been serving on an *ad hoc* town committee to determine furnishings for the building.
- Amherst College has donated a projector for Town Hall and Smith College has donated a screen.
- Friends of Town Hall has asked Wassmann Audio & Visual Inc. for a bid for a wall-mounted display monitor for the meeting room, as well as an audio system and a permanent screen for the auditorium.
- The Historical Society has the old stage curtain. Donna and Judy will look at it and make a recommendation regarding whether it can be used.
- The Select Board's August 29 meeting, at which usage policies for Town Hall were to be discussed, has been cancelled.

MACRIS Update:

- Susan will send the MACRIS list of uninhabited residences, with Judy's notations, to Commission members prior to the September meeting.

Next Meeting:

September 18, 2018 at 5pm at the Town Offices

Meeting adjourned: 6pm