

Whately Historical Commission
February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Donna Wiley, Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle, Darcy Tozier

1. Minutes of January 14 meeting adopted.
2. Whately Center District Planning – Donna will draft a letter to the Select Board requesting that the Historical Commission be included in discussions regarding projects to be undertaken in the Whately Town Center National Historic District, including:
 - a. Implementation of the grant from the Complete Streets Program
 - b. A new plan for the Veterans Memorial
 - c. The future disposition of the Center School building
3. MACRIS Update
 - a. Donna confirmed with Peter Stott at the Massachusetts Historical Commission that we can submit a single list of demolished buildings, with dates, when possible, in order to have the forms stamped as “demolished.”
 - b. It was confirmed the house at 6 State Road was destroyed by fire in 2013, with a new house built on the site. It was also reported that the David Graves Farmstead at 62 Christian Lane had been demolished around 2000. Members will research the demolition dates of the Samuel Dickinson (62 Chestnut Plain Rd) and Daniel Dickinson (61-63 Dickinson Hill Rd) homes.
 - c. Donna will draft a letter to Peter Stott to provide the list of demolished buildings.
4. Welcome Letter for New Owners of Older Houses – The Commission approved a draft of a letter to be sent to new owners, welcoming them, providing them with information about how to learn about the history of their house and the community, and encouraging them to reach out to Commission members if they are interested in ways to bring their houses up-to-date without losing distinctive characteristics.
5. 13 State Road Marijuana Retail Application – As the building once housed the Old South School House, a property included in the MACRIS inventory, it was agreed that Donna will draft a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board stating that the Historical Commission requests that any plans for the building preserve the exterior appearance and materials, including the portico.
6. Maps of Historic Districts
 - a. Maps currently exist of the Town Center, but are in need of modification. No maps are known to exist demarcating the West Whately Historic District.
 - b. Using a list of properties within each neighborhood, Judy offered to create drafts of maps.
7. Donna will speak about the Town Hall renovation at the Western Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition meeting on Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings on March 20 in Greenfield.
8. Next meeting: Monday, April 1, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Baron