



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts

Historical Commission
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**Minutes of the May 14, 2019 Meeting 5:30 pm,
Whately Town Hall**

Present: Donna Wiley, Judy Markland, Susan Baron, Darcy Tozier, Alan McArdle, Adelia Bardwell, and Ann Wroblewski

The minutes of the April 1st meeting were approved.

The Historical Society is proposing the placement of a moveable wooden shed structure behind the Town Hall for additional storage of Historical Society items. The Historical Commission voted to approve a statement to Mass Historical Commission that this would have no adverse impact on the site, which would be communicated to MHC after the shed has been approved by the Selectboard.

Possibilities of historical tours and/or archeological digs were discussed. Judy will write to the landowners of the Crafts pottery fields to inquire of their willingness to allow a controlled dig to take place.

Tours of the mill sites in Whately were also discussed. The question of accessibility and visibility is of concern. The Commission will spend some future meeting(s) listening to and viewing past presentations on the mill sites.

Judy has created some digital maps of historical areas in Whately for the town website to be accompanied by descriptive narratives of each area.

With the recent proposal for tree removal in town it has become apparent that there are no written criteria for the removal of trees or stone walls in the Scenic Bylaws. Donna hopes to meet with Keith Bardwell, the tree warden, to discuss improving the definition of scenic roads and the guidelines of the bylaws.

Next meeting

The next Historical Commission meeting will be on Monday, June 17 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Tozier