

Whately Historical Commission
March 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Donna Wiley (chair), Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle.

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:02 via Zoom.
- II. Commission unanimously approved minutes from February 15th meeting.
- III. Veterans Memorial Park:
 - a. State announced grant application opportunity for state money which would match CPA money. The Historical Commission will sponsor the application. Preliminary proposal will be submitted March 19, with the final application due April 9.
 - b. Public meeting to discuss plans for Veterans Memorial Park will be held Monday, March 29 at 7pm via Zoom.
- IV. Sovereign Builders Application for Self-Storage Facility:
 - a. Planning Board has requested more plans relating to curb-cuts and driveway placement.
 - b. Commission agreed to defer vote on application until after revised plans are submitted.
- V. Open Space and Recreation Plan:
 - a. Last plan was approved in 2006. Certain grant applications require a plan approved in the past 7 years.
 - b. A staff member at FRCOG asked the Historical Commission to review the section of the plan referencing scenic views.
 - c. Judy suggested:
 - i. Mentioning oldest roads in town were established by native American residents.
 - ii. Note that it is not just particular buildings and structures that make Whately special, but rather many factors individually and in combination in the community.
 - d. Other views worth consideration include:
 - i. Judy - Conway School study had identified views they considered notable (e.g., Chestnut Plain Road facing east).
 - ii. Alan - View from east of Poplar Hill Road near MacLeish.
 - iii. Donna - View of the reservoir from Haydenville Road.
 - e. There are no additional Historical Districts currently under consideration.
 - f. Judy suggested an explanation of why each of the designated areas is included.
 - g. Members approved Donna's suggested edits to text. Donna will revise based on member input and circulate for approval.
- VI. Historical Commission Membership:
 - a. Donna has spoken with potential candidates to join the Historical Commission.
 - b. Allison Bell would be interested in joining the Board. Commission voted to ask the Select Board to appoint her.
- VII. Hidden History Project:
 - a. Alan is exploring having a drone photograph identified sites.
- VIII. Historical Commission members agreed we will view the 250th motor parade, but not have a float in it.
- IX. Next Meeting: April 19, 2021 at 5pm.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 5:52.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Baron.