

MINUTES

WHATELY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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

Alan McArdle called the meeting to order at 5 pm and welcomed returning member Darcy Tozier.

The minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting were moved, seconded, and approved.

We discussed the timetable for submission of proposals to possible funding sources for the Town Hall project, which is made more difficult by the fact that state sources, particularly the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, have not yet announced the 2017 schedule. We also spoke about the need to begin conversations with the Whately Historical Society about possible submissions for museum-related grants; Dorrie Brooks of Jones-Whitsett has offered to provide guidance.

Judy will initiate conversation with the Energy Committee about a 2017 application to the Green Communities Fund.

Susan will find out more about the relative timing of CPA approval for matching funds and Mass Preservation funding.

Donna will send her rough notes on a calendar for proposal production to Judy, who will embed them in an Excel calendar for review at the September 28 meeting of the Municipal Building Committee and Historical Commission.

We discussed the inquiry from the Nolumbeka Project about possible collaboration regarding Native American archaeological relics in Whately, and agreed that it would be useful to secure more information about their record of work with other municipalities and non-profits before proceeding.

We also reviewed the proposed solar array to be located at the Nourse Forms property on River Road. Alan will inform Don Sluter, Chair of the Planning Board, that the Historical Commission is not aware of any known historic components that would be disturbed by the project.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 12, 5-6 pm, in Town Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.