

Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes of  
January 9, 2020  
Richard D. Carey Office Building  
Conference Room A

**PRESENT:**

Paul Schwab- Chair  
Gail Aslanian- Secretary

Harry Richardson  
Michael Perna

Kevin Samara

Guests: Jason Molina, Martha Gauch

Call to Order: 702 PM

**Review of Meeting Minutes;**

The Minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting were unanimously accepted into record.

**Old Business:**

**(1) Historic Plaque Program:**

Chairman Paul Schwab reached out to the Historic District Commission regarding their plaques and markers and requested a joint meeting to coordinate projects. Paul suggested that the schools get involved to create a pamphlet promoting historical spots in town. Possible Cultural Commission and Educational Foundation grants could be used to fund the project. Michael Perna will be giving a talk at Floral Street School in the Spring and can bring up the idea.

**(2) Historic Structure Inventory:**

Paul explained that the RFP for the inventory was going out this week but a decision may not be made as to who does the inventory for 60-90 days.

**New Business:**

**(1) Presentation on CPA (Community Preservation Act)**

Jason Molina and Martha Gauch gave a comprehensive presentation on what a Community Preservation Act was and how it could benefit Shrewsbury. The *Community Preservation Shrewsbury* committee, hopes to bring a warrant article to Town Meeting in May to place on the November town ballot. It was moved and seconded to draft a letter in support of the CPA to the Board of Selectman. Paul will draft and send the letter.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Gail Aslanian  
Secretary