

Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes of
February 6, 2020
Richard D. Carey Office Building
Conference Room A

PRESENT:

Paul Schwab- Chair Gail Aslanian- Secretary Linda Davis

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Review of Meeting Minutes;

The Minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting were unanimously accepted into record.

Announcements:

Chairman Paul Schwab announced the resignation of Commission members Max German and Michael Perna. Both members have been a valuable asset to the Commission and will be missed. Posting of openings will be done by the Town Manager.

Old Business:

(1) Update on CPA support letter:

Chairman Paul Schwab will be sending a letter of support of the Community Preservation Act to the Board of Selectmen. The letter will also request that the Board place an article on the May Town Warrant to place adoption of the CPA on the November election ballot. The Community Preservation Act Committee gave a comprehensive presentation at the January 9, 2020 Commission meeting and it was unanimous that the Historical Commission support the CPA.

New Business:

(1) Update on Historic Property Inventory:

No word from the Town Managers office as to appointment of those who will be performing the Inventory.

(2) Update of Meeting with Historic District Commission:

Gail Aslanian attended the January meeting of the Historic District Commission to present our Historic Structure Plaque Program. It was the intent to coordinate with what they do in the Historic District and to collaborate with them on our Historic Site Marker Program. Plans for a joint meeting of the two commissions will be scheduled for May or June 2020.

(3) Learning Service Project:

Part of the charge of the Historic Commission is to bring awareness of local historic structures and sites. In following that charge, Paul suggested that we use Paton School as a trial for a service learning project to engage students in local history by researching local historic sites and creating a guide. The project has the support of teachers who have been contacted and also strengthens the curriculum already in place. Paul will follow up with Paton staff and administration to get the program up and running.

(4) Demolition Delay:

The Commission was invited to participate in bringing a Preservation Delay article to the Annual Town Meeting by Citizen's Petition. It was decided that at this time our focus is on the inventory and other projects and although we are in favor of a Preservation Delay we could not be actively involved at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Aslanian, Secretary

