

## Historical Commission Meeting Minutes -- Approved

DATE: June 3, 2021

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

FOR: Special Meeting to Review Book Plan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malcolm Fick, Don Howe, David Rutstein, Paul Ivory, Marilyn Bisiewicz

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Gary Leveille, Bill Nappo

1. Chairman Fick called the meeting to order as a virtual meeting authorized by the Governor's March 15, 2020 order. A roll-call was conducted to determine members present.
2. Mr. Bisiewicz moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting. Mr. Ivory seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by roll-call vote.
3. Great Barrington Here and Gone
  - Mr. Howe suggest that we should follow up with the Town to pursue how we will handle funds when we sell books and receive revenue. Mr. Fick said he would follow up and report back to the Commission.
  - Mr. Howe suggested a Town Hall event to launch the book. Mr. Ivory and Mr. Rutstein suggested coordinating an event with the Historical Society at the Senior Center to include a possible presentation by the author.
  - Plans for distributing the book were discussed. Copies will be given to the Historical Society to disseminate and use as a possible fund raiser. Book store(s) and other outlets in town will be approached for distribution. Mr. Rutstein suggested selling through Amazon, which can be arranged through Troy Book Makers.
  - Pricing was discussed. It was agreed that widespread distribution is the primary goal, rather than revenue. In this light, Mr. Rutstein suggested \$19.99 for the price.
  - A general discussion of reviewers was held. Mr. Rutstein, Mr. Leveille and the author will be asked if they can identify potential reviewers and request reviews.
  - Mr. Ivory reported that in his understanding the book is ready to go.
  - In view of the overall discussion, Ms. Bisiewicz moved that the Historical Commission fund the printing of the book, based on the \$2,620.21 quote from Troy Book Makers, from FY21 funds and that Mr. Fick enter any necessary arrangements consistent with Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law. Mr. Howe seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
4. Historical Walking Tour Update
  - All suggested changes have been applied to the tour.

- The only remaining tasks is to re-record the audio for the Former St. James Church and Former Methodist Church stops and to record a new audio for the Former Clinton Church stop.
5. Other Old Business
    - Mr. Howe reported that bid documents for the Trolley Shelter are in process for FY 22.
  6. There were no comments from the public.
  7. The next meeting date was set for July 12, 2021 at 5:00pm. Members expressed a strong desire to resume in-person meetings.
  8. Having concluded its business, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malcolm Fick  
Chairman