

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – Approved

DATE: March 28, 2022

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bill Nappo

1. Chairman Fick called the meeting to order as a virtual meeting authorized by the Governor's March 15, 2020 and June 16, 2021 orders. A roll call was conducted to determine members present.
2. Mr. Ivory moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting. Mr. Leveille seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by roll-call vote.
3. Old Business
 - *Great Barrington: Here & Gone* status and distribution discussion
 - i. New distribution efforts will be planned for Spring and Summer.
 - Walking tours
 - i. Mr. Fick reported that the walking tour app was converted to the new STQRY platforms. New capabilities are being tested with the CCR tour.
 - ii. A team from Clinton Church Restoration (CCR) has been formed to develop a Du Bois walking tour of the town.
 - CPA Update
 - i. Mr. Howe reported there were no CPA updates except that the committee would be meeting the next day.
 - Updates on various projects of historical interest
 - i. Housatonic School – Ms. Bisiewicz reported that the roof is covered with a tarp.
 - ii. Searles School – Mr. Ivory noted that the landscaping was being cleaned up but questioned if continuing deterioration was threatening any architectural features that were to be preserved.
 - iii. Newsboy Park – The Members again discussed the need to clean out the juniper bushes that encroach on the monument and breed giant weeds. A request for cleanup by the Town will be repeated.
 - iv. Trolley Shelter – Mr. Howe reported that Robert Harrison, architect is preparing bid documents for Spring/Summer release.
4. New Business

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- Mr. Leveille reported that he recommended to Mr. Richard Stanley a writer who could write an article about the resurgence of the Great Barrington downtown. This is moving forward.
5. Other Member Issues
 - None
 6. Citizen's Speak – None
 7. Next meeting date – June 13, 2022
 8. Having concluded its business, Mr. Ivory moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Fick
Chairman