

## Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – Approved

DATE: January 9, 2023

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Claire Teague Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Leveille, James Mercer, Paul Ivory, Marilyn Bisiewicz, David Rutstein, Malcolm Fick

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bill Nappo

1. Chairman Fick called the meeting to order at 5:00pm..
2. Mr. Leveille moved to approve the draft minutes of the March 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bisiewicz. All voted to approve.  
Ms. Bisiewicz moved to approve the draft minutes of the October 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leveille. All voted to approve.
3. Old Business
  - Smartphone Walking Tour status
    - i. Mr. Leveille and Mr. Fick will meet to discuss changes to the historical app.
    - ii. Mr. Fick had no news on changes to the DuBois tour
  - CPA Update  
Mr. Mercer reported that the CPC approved four historical projects to present to the Annual Town Meeting for funding. They included funds for the Brown Mausoleum, the Congregational Church manse, the Cove fire suppression and windows for the Mahaiwe Block and the BCC building.
  - Updates on various projects if available:
    - i. Newsboy statue – Mr. Leveille asked if a maintenance report had been received. Mr. Fick said not to his knowledge but that he would follow up.
    - ii. *Great Barrington Here and Gone* – Ms. Bisiewicz said that the Fairview Hospital gift shop had requested four additional copies to sell. Mr. Fick said he would supply them from his car after the meeting.
    - iii. Utility Box Graphics – Mr. Mercer reported that the box near CVS is next and will feature the Berkshire Inn and the Castle.
4. New Business
  - Mr. Fick reported on the letter supporting the postage stamp commemorating Dr. May Chinn. Because of the deadline for the letter, it had to be sent before the meeting. All members expressed approval.
  - Other new business – The Special Permit requested by the airport was discussed. All members expressed approval for the continued operation of the airport. A request was made

to the Commission to support an application for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Fick said he would research the process. Mr. Ivory and Mr. Leveille both expressed their opinions that it is best to hire an expert to prepare the application. Mr. Fick said he would put a vote of support for the airport on the next agenda.

5. Other Member Issues

- No member issues were expressed.

6. Citizen's Speak

- No citizens requested to speak.

7. The date of the next meeting was established for Monday, March 9, 2023, at 5:00 pm at a place to be determined.

8. Without objection, Mr. Fick adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Fick  
Chairman