

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Lunenburg Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes:

February 15, 2017

Members Present:

Becky Lantry, Lois Lewis, Richard McGrath and Cullen Dwyer. A guest, Jennifer Sanderson, attended the meeting and expressed interest for membership in the Historical Commission.

Members Absent:

None.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p. m.

Minutes Approval:

Minutes were approved for January 3, 2017.

Correspondence and Communications:

Becky Lantry has submitted a Historical Commission Report for the town. The town manager, Heather Lemieux, provided a proposed explanatory budget for the Historical Commission.

Present Business/New Business

Becky Lantry, as a member of the Building Reuse Committee, reported the Building Reuse Committee is moving forward with the potential sale either individually or as a group for the Town Hall, the Ritter Building and the Primary School (old high school). The Passios School is clearly the most valuable town property with its building and over eight acres of land.

There are no definite plans or master plan at this juncture for the sale of these historic buildings and relocation of the town offices to the Passios School. Questions, for instance, still continue about the sale process, the value and assessment of these town buildings, the effect on the town center, any traffic patterns at the town center and the Passios School, consideration of the Village Center District and Architectural Preservation District Bylaws application, and plans for the conversion of the Passios School to accommodate these offices, parking and pedestrian traffic.

Voted: The Historical Commission will submit its advisory letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Building Reuse Committee and to all the town boards, commissions and committees that are either directly or are indirectly affected by the sale of these historic buildings and relocation of the offices to the Passios School.

Becky Lantry clarified the Historical Commission plan to offer bronze markers for the National Register of Historic Places in the village district center. Notice of the availability of these markers and assistance in placing the marker on the building has been offered by the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard McGrath reported there have been no new demolition delay requests. There have been no changes to the properties under demolition delay at 37 Burrage Street or to the barn at 203 West Townsend Road. Richard McGrath will take photos before demolition.

Richard McGrath advised in more suitable weather conditions the town cemeteries should be toured and a report submitted for the conditions and any needed repairs.

The *Lunenburg Ledger* Historically Speaking articles are scheduled for:

April	Richard McGrath
May	Cullen Dwyer
June	Becky Lantry
July	Lois Lewis

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be March 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ritter Building