

Wakefield Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 2022

Present: Dan Benjamin, Gene Moulton, Fran Harrington, Therese Frazier, Nancy Bertrand, Marc DiBella, Town Councilor Ed Dombroski (guest)

Absent: Jen Osterhout, Frank Giangregorio

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

No Public Participation was heard.

The minutes of the January 26th meeting were approved as amended.

An update on the status of the Work to the Done on the Floral Way/Old Burying Ground. Nancy had touched base with Town Engineer William Renault, who asked to come to the Commission's March meeting in lieu of this evening's meeting, in order to give him more time to flesh out his proposal.

Americal Roof Repair. Town Buildings' Manager Chris Pierce reached out to the Commission about the replacement of the Americal Roof. He believes that the skylights are superfluous to the current purpose being served and would like to remove them and therefore save some money on the project, as well as make the roof more watertight. The Commissioners needed more information about the project: the age of the current roof, and overall views of the building, to see whether it would be important to save the skylights. The matter is tabled until our March 22nd meeting.

Other Matters.

Town Councilor Ed Dombroski has taken steps to help the Commission make their presence more robust by contacting the town's Content and Communications Manager, Jenn MacDonald.

Dan Benjamin pointed out that the Commission is often hampered by the lack of funding in our budget. Ed Dombroski noted that, if the Commission had specific projects in mind, the funding might be found under another earmark, like Way Finding, etc. We will be mindful of this in future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.