

**Wakefield Historical Commission Meeting
Minutes
1/25/22**

Present: Nancy Bertrand, Fran Harrington, Gene Moulton, Jen Osterhout, Frank Giangiorgio, Cathlina Driver

Absent: Therese Frazier, Dan Benjamin, Marc DiBella

1 | Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Nancy Bertrand

2. Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Dan Benjamin, the pledge was led by Fran Harrington

Item 3 | Public Participation. The Commission heard commentary on the proposed work to be done on the path by the Old Burying Ground by a member of the Commission on Disability Issues, community members Julie Scott and John Sofia. Town Council member Ed Dombroski, the Commission's representative on the Council also participated and asked to speak later in the meeting.

Item 3 | Review of Minutes. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Item 4 | Work to be done on Floral Way/Old Burying Ground Pathway. Town Engineer Bill Renault will attend our February meeting to discuss options for this work.

Item 5 | Historical House Markers. The Commission has learned that our sign manufacturer, Ould Colony Artisans, is no longer in business due to the death of the owner, Bob Leonard. Options for a new vendor were discussed.

Item 6 | Demo Delay.

*Many calls for information on sites on our list and the limits of the bylaw have been received.

* Significant Sites List. Jen gave an update on her work on the list verification.

Item 7 | Budget. Town Accountant sets budget at level funding for next year.

Item 8 | Other Matters

- Frank has sent the Commission a letter giving a précis of the Joint Historical Commissions meeting. Members should review this information to see how other towns are dealing with our common struggles.
- Dan and Cathlina need to send a letter to the Town Council if they would like to renew their appointments
- Town Councilor Ed Dombroski discussed ways in which to make the Commission's presence more robust.

Item 9 | Adjournment . The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.