

Wakefield Historical Commission
June 11, 2020
Minutes

1. Meeting was **called to order** at 7:03 p.m., after a few technical difficulties. In attendance: all seven members of the Commission.
2. Introducing ourselves to our new members. The Commission now consists of Nancy Bertrand, Gene Moulton, Fran Harrington, Dan Benjamin, Cathlina Driver, Jen Osterhout, Therese Gormley.

The members were told that the Commission generally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. We maintain a website: historicwakefield.com And a post office box P.O. Box 2031
Nancy has downloaded some informational materials about the role of Historical Commissions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will forward it to the new members.

3. Billing:

Reimburse: Nancy Bertrand for the rental of the post office box (\$134)

Pay: Wakefield Item for printing our MLD stuff last August \$432

Pay: WCAT for digitizing and stabilizing historic oral history interviews: \$224

Reimburse: Nancy Bertrand for the purchase of a portable hard drive for the storage of the interviews: \$114.75

(These last two items were approved by the Commission at our meeting in February.)

Pay: Historic New England the sum of \$125 for membership

Total batch: \$1029.73

Other Matters

1. The Demolition Delay Bylaw amendment has still not shown up in the town's eCode online. There is some snafu having to do with the fact that the Bylaw Review Committee did not succeed in having the full text of the proposed amendment printed in the Town Meeting booklet. We are following up on this and might have to review the tape of the Town Meeting to verify. In the meantime, the amended text is now available on our website historicwakefield.com
2. Preservation Restriction on 58 Oak Street. Discussed at our February meeting, Gene will have his attorney contact Town Counsel Tom Mullen.
3. **Burying Ground Map project.** Would like to use the summer to continue with this project. The map was first created in approximately 1990. We need to verify in pencil the names on the stones, and compare to see how many we are missing. Volunteers will be sought. Dan wondered if some of the DPW's mapping systems could help us with our project, down the road. Nancy will advertise for volunteers to help with this project.

4. Fran mentioned that we should make contact with the new **Building Inspector** to make sure he is familiar with the Demolition Delay Bylaw's provisions.

5. Dan mentioned that there had been a lot of disturbing activity at the **Winship Mansion** over the past several months and that the police had been called many times. The owner of the property is responsible for securing it for the safety of all.

5. Dan asked when the Museum will be open next. That date will be announced as soon as we know when we are permitted to hold Open Houses again. Nancy mentioned the addition of a new donation: the pot bellied stove from the old Greenwood Train Station, which was then part of Pleasure Island, was donated to the Museum as an important new addition to the collection.

Next meeting July 22nd, Wednesday — a virtual meeting, on zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42.