

Town of Lunenburg Historical Commission



Richard McGrath, Chair
Bill Lakso, Vice Chair
Kevin Boussom, member
Jennifer Sanderson, member
Megan Lordan, member

Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 2, 2024 Ritter Building

Present: McGrath, Lakso, Sanderson

Call to Order at 7 pm

Correspondence

- Chair McGrath received an email from Anna Lockwood requesting the recording of meetings.
- Chair McGrath received an email from Tony Sculimbrene, chair of the APDC, stating that Town Council said that it is possible to extend the APD to include 763 Massachusetts Ave, transferring the Demo Delay authority to the APDC. He also said that the APD could be extended town wide, but would require a warrant and vote at Town Meeting.
- Chair McGrath spoke at the Cemetery Commission informing them of progress at the Litch and Goodrich cemeteries, discussing historic status and condition of North and south cemeteries, and the Town Tomb at North Cemetery. McGrath documented the North Cemetery for the Mass Historical Commission. Possible grant sources were discussed. The Cemetery Commission wants to replace the overgrown hedge along Holman Street with a stone wall. McGrath commented that it was a good choice in keeping with the historic nature of North Cemetery, other cemeteries in town, as well as throughout Massachusetts. McGrath commented on his experience with towns and viewing projects that other towns have adopted and received funding from the Community Preservation Act. He pointed out that cemeteries in Medford, Boxboro, Somerville, and Stoneham have received money for wall repair and restoration, as well as gravestone and general cemetery restoration, survey, and documentation.

Public Comment

- Ana Lockwood spoke concerning perceived misinformation in the minutes regarding the underground structures at Marshall Park and the testimony of members of the Park Commission in attendance at the Historical Commission meeting. She would like to see the Commission meetings video recorded.

Town Wide Survey

- no new information

Hometown Heroes Banners

- expect progress in June

763 Mass Ave Demo Delay

- Someone wishing to purchase and restore property was told it was under contract, despite a for sale sign in front of the property.

Budget

- Fund to be used for Hometown Heroes Banner program

Other Business

- McGrath and Commissioners to clean and restore antique directional markers being stored at the Historical Society, with the intention to reset them in their original positions in town.
- McGrath reported that the historic home at the corner of Lancaster Ave and Goodrich St was experiencing Demolition by Neglect, as the barn has a large hole in it.

Meeting Adjournment 7:26 pm