

Wales Historical Commission

Wales, Massachusetts 01081

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Wales Town Hall

Present: Robyn Chrabaszcz, Rod Kincaid, Therisa (Terry) Cook, Rebecca (Becky) Smith, Ann Chrabaszcz, Ella Gregory

Absent: Lynn Greene

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes: Discussion of March 11th meeting notes: Becky requested to change language to “may be subject to prevailing wage.”

Correspondence: Becky distributed copies of a 9/22/2020 letter from MHC regarding FY21 planning and survey grant round.

Old Town Hall (OTH) Discussion

Building Inspection Update: No formal report was issued by the Building Inspector from the visit earlier this year. The ramp railing was modified and painted. Items outstanding are:

- Replace the existing EXIT lighted sign with a new one with the Accessible Symbol at the Accessible Exit Door on the interior side.
- Rope off the second floor to eliminate public access.

There is no update from the Executive Secretary regarding the National Grid energy audit on OTH.

National Register (NR): Robyn to look into cost of an NR submission.

Discussion of Historical Society Material Prep

The Historical Society would like to set up a museum in the main center of the first floor of the building. Robyn inquired as to the long term goal for the building's use and space, which is open for discussion. In order for the building to be used for more than the Public Access Studio, more climate control will be needed. Becky is interested in getting a quote for an additional heat pump.

The group walked the building (OTH) and discussed materials located in the building and historic artifacts that need to be identified. Ann Chrabaszcz of the Historical Society is volunteering to start sorting the items in OTH. Terry offered assistance to Ann.

MOTION: To adjourn, made at 5:43. Motion made by Chrabaszcz, seconded by Smith.

Attachments/ Handouts: None.

DATE APPROVED: June 9, 2021