

Wales Historical Commission
Wales, Massachusetts 01081

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 3 Main Street, Old Town Hall First Floor Museum

Present: Rebecca (Becky) Smith, Robyn Chrabaszcz, Rod Kincaid, Therisa (Terry) Tringali (arrived around 11); Public - Ann Chrabaszcz, Ella Gregory

Members Absent: Lynn Greene.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from 11/20/2021 with changes discussed. Motion made by Kincaid, seconded by Smith. All in favor. Motion Passed

Correspondence: Received letter regarding fundraising, which we will forward to the Society. Received email from Executive Secretary regarding Capital Requests. Received inquiry from Mr. John Curtis of Brimfield. [Post-meeting note: Ann and Robyn will look into the inquiry.]

Opening museum for events: Terry hung a military display in the museum, Ann will assist with labeling that the display is on loan from the Veterans. Terry will confirm the day and time for Memorial Day Veterans Event.

Donations to the collection: Received an invitation to a Miller Tavern Ball 1841 from Kathleen Ladr, possible ancestor of Cornelius Miller; postcard from Wendy Baker; and photos of the elementary school.

Funding opportunities: The MA Cultural Council will be accepting applications for festivals in September – the Commission noted this may be an opportunity for a cemetery walk at Halloween. Festival grants also open in January for funding that would align with Olde Home Day 2023.

Robyn submitted an Expression of Interest for the MA One-Stop grant and received positive feedback. Full funding applications are due in June, and if we were to submit for a feasibility study we would need to have a designer on board in accordance with MGL Ch7c. Robyn has experience with this procedure. The only cost is the cost of an advertisement, which can come out of the Historical Commission fund balance.

MOTION: Robyn to take the lead on the One-Stop application and all work necessary to submit in June. Motion made by Chrabaszcz, seconded by Kincaid. All in favor, Motion Passed.

FY2023 budgeting and planning: Robyn will submit Capital requests. No changes were made to FY2023 Operating Budget request (\$2,500).

NEW BUSINESS

Requests for information and research: Received inquiry from Mr. John Curtis of Brimfield. [Post-meeting note: Ann and Robyn will look into the inquiry.]

Calendar Year 2021 Annual Report: Becky will finalize report for group to review.

FY2022 budget balances and spending for June 30: There is \$924.79 remaining in the gift/Cultural Council balance. There is \$1,541.75 in the Commission account. Tree work (\$2500) was done out of the Maintenance Account. Painting and the front door replacement is still needed.

Newest Cultural Council Grant Update: Funds are not yet received.

Resignation: With regrets, the Commission accepted Terry's resignation effective the end of March.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for May 14th.

MOTION: To adjourn made at 11:48am. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Kincaid. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Attachments/ Handouts: None.

DATE APPROVED: April 30, 2022