

Wales Historical Commission
Wales, Massachusetts 01081

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Time: 10:30 AM

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

Present: Rebecca (Becky) Smith, Robyn Chrabaszcz, Rod Kincaid, Lynn Greene; Public - Terry Tringali, Ann Chrabaszcz, Ella Gregory

Members Absent: None.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Correspondence: Received annual State Register Published List mailing.

Opening museum for events: Memorial Day Veterans Event will be at 1 or 1.30pm. Ann will open museum from 12.30pm to after event patrons all depart. Ann and Terry will finalize the Veteran's exhibit and labeling.

Group discussed and set dates for summer museum openings, best on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm once a month during Transfer Station hours through Veterans Day. Dates set: June 18 (Becky), July 16 (Rod), August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 11 (depending on Veterans). Robyn will email dates and appointments. Rod will put a banner on Public Access.

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

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. Becky mentioned that there is a desire in town by others to repeat the Halloween Walk and possibly a Fire Dept. Bonfire. Ann will reach out the Cemetery Commission to see if there is any opportunity for cemetery walk or other opportunity.

Robyn has been waiting several weeks for the Executive Secretary to respond, and since posting for a designer takes several weeks, we likely won't make the procurement process happen before the grant deadline. Robyn will continue working on the One-Stop Application per last meeting's motion, as it is due June 3rd.

OTH: Rodney Aldrich has more painting to do inside before Memorial Day.

Collection: Rod requested a catalog/inventory of all of the binders so we know what we have. Ultimately, we need a full collection inventory but that will follow later after sorting and digitization is complete. Lynn will continue to work on digital files, and Ann on paper files. Ann will work on inventory of binders.

FY2023 budgeting and planning: Robyn submitted Capital requests for OTH to CIPC.

NEW BUSINESS

Tantasqua: Since the last meeting, Robyn was able to connect with the drafting teacher at Tantasqua. Some Wales students have started measuring and documenting the building in Revit architectural drafting software. We will be able to use this to give to an architect.

Next Meeting: None scheduled.

MOTION: To adjourn made at 11:56am. Motion made by Chrabaszcz, seconded by Smith. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Attachments/ Handouts: None.

DATE APPROVED: September 17, 2022

Approved