

Wales Historical Commission

Wales, Massachusetts 01081

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

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

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

Members Absent: Carolyn Boehne

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from 04/30/2022. Motion made by Chrabasz, seconded by Greene. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: Received email from Planning Board regarding Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Received inquiry from Palmer Journal for a request to provide information for an article on Wales. Robyn and Becky provided a formal response, and the writer asked for more information about another possible article on the David Worth Memorial Museum. Robyn and Ann to look up responses and provide to Becky. Cheri Fisher may have photos to use.

Opening museum for events: Museum was open for Memorial Day, June 18, July 16, and August 20 with only a few attendees each day, with the most on Memorial Day. September 17, October 15, and November 11 (depending on Veterans) will be the final days for the rest of the year.

In conjunction with the October 15th museum opening, the Cemetery Commission was ecstatic about the idea of a self-guided cemetery walk as proposed by Ann and the brochure she put together. It will not be associated with Halloween. Rod will put a banner on Public Access for the 10am-2pm walk. Robyn will price getting brochure printed as an option to printing at Town Hall.

Cultural Council 2022 Grant Update: Funds landed this week. Ann will look into purchasing the items requested.

Funding opportunities: The One-Stop application was submitted for Feasibility study grant funds. Last year the state made awards at the end of October, so we are hoping to hear about the grant around the same time this year.

OTH:

- The Board of Selectmen approved Peter Hamm's proposal for a new front door; Becky will follow up with his schedule.
- Becky is coordinating with Pam on possible access control hardware.

- Rod is also going to follow up with Tantasqua electrical about the lights going on and off.

(Post-meeting notes:

- Found an animal digging into the foundation on the west side under the condenser units.
- Rod will also coordinate Highway to remove more trash from second floor that is attracting pests.)

Collection: Ann provided a catalog/inventory of all of the binders so we know what we have. Item Complete.

Tantasqua: No meeting update.

NEW BUSINESS

New member and reorganization, upcoming reappointments: When the full board is present and Becky and Robyn have been reappointed for an additional term, this item will be discussed.

New funding opportunities - Cultural Council 2023 due 10/17/2022: Discussed possible events in conjunction with Old Home Day (OHD), not submitting this year, and possible conversion of VHS tapes of Upside Down Show to digital format for museum viewings or reruns on Cable Access TV. Ann will price conversions. Group agreed Robyn and/or Ann will submit if we decide on a request.

Master Plan Implementation Committee: The Planning Board is looking for a Historical Commission member to fill the Commission's seat on the Master Plan Implementation Committee as approved at Town Meeting in 2022. Robyn nominated to fill this seat. Motion made by Smith seconded by Kincaid. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting: None scheduled – maybe October 15th before museum opening and cemetery walk.

MOTION: To adjourn made at 11:09am. Motion made by Chrabascz, seconded by Smith. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Attachments/ Handouts: Binder inventory.

DATE APPROVED: October 15, 2022