

Minutes of the New Marlborough Historical Commission held on June 14, 2023 – Held in person.

Meeting was called to order at 2:31PM by Dr. John Schreiber, other members present were: Mrs. Claudette Callahan, and Mrs. Fiona Kerr.

Meeting minutes of December 16, 2022 were accepted as amended.

Update on Southfield Historic District: Mrs. Callahan mentioned that she just received notification that the proposal for the Southfield Historic District was approved by the State; the next step is approval at the National level which will require hiring of a consultant. A motion made, seconded and so voted to give Mrs. Callahan the ability to find and hire the consultant, and to pay the consultant the budget amount of \$500.00. A public hearing is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th at 10AM, Fire Department. Mrs. Callahan will reach out to Mr. Ben Haley at the National Register Director Massachusetts Historical Commission for guidance.

Campbell Falls Bridge: Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Historical Society wasn't able to obtain a grant from the State Historical Commission, since the bridge isn't on the list of National Landmarks. Dr. Schreiber also mentioned that the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Loring, will be applying for a small bridges grant from DOT that can be used for stone bridges, which will be submitted by the end of June, 2023. The two year grant can be as large as \$500,000.00. At a future meeting a topic discussion should be begin the process of establishing the bridge as a landmark.

Cassilis Farm: Dr. Schreiber mentioned that a few people have contact him regarding removing the barns on the property, which is now owned by a non-profit. The Commission reviewed if this property meets the demolition bylaw and whether a joint committee with the Planning Board will need to be established as per the bylaw. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that if the owners apply for a demo application the Building Inspector will notify the Commission. Future discussion on new construction will be on an upcoming agenda.

Next scheduled meeting is July 26, 2022 at 2PM at Town Hall.

A motion was made, seconded as so voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary