

Minutes of the New Marlborough Historical Commission held on October 23, 2023 – Held in person.

Meeting was called to order at 9AM by Dr. John Schreiber, other members present were Mrs. Claudette Callahan.

Meeting minutes of September 25, 2023 were accepted as prepared.

Grant Register Historic District Application: Mrs. Callahan mentioned that she has spoken with both Ms. Shannon Walsh, who had submitted for the consultant that is needed and Mr. Ben Haley from the State Register Commission. Mr. Haley stated that the Town would have to match the grant amount of \$15,000.00; town share would be \$7,500.00. At this time, the Commission does not have the funds or support from the Select board or residents of the Southfield village. It was decided to not apply for the Historic grant at this time.

It was discussed to hold a public meeting in Southfield for that resident to attend and Mr. Haley will attend and send materials. Notice will be posted at Town Hall, website and sent to the 5 Village news and to the 24 homeowners.

It was decided to request \$2,500.00 for FY2125 budget.

Topics: Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Planning Board is very interested in preservation, and will be discussing overlay district for the entire historic districts in Town. This item is on the Planning Board upcoming agenda on October 25th. This potential bylaw would be for new structures in historic districts only, not existing.

Next meeting will be scheduled for early December 2023.

A motion was made, seconded as so voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary