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Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Sandberg at 7:15 pm at the Maynard Public Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Priscilla Sandberg, Ellen Duggan, Lee Eyster, and Brion Berghaus.

ABSENT: Ann Gibson, Paul Lesage, David Mark and John Courville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Ellen moved that we accept the minutes of the April 27th meeting. It was seconded by Brion and approved.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Marker proposed by Eliot Prisby regarding Indigenous Peoples who once lived seasonally in Maynard: Priscilla contacted Eliot, but he wanted to postpone action.

Amory's Grove signage: Tabled for a future meeting. Priscilla will speak to Fire Chief Angela Lawless about securing a donation for the sign from the Firefighters Union.

Potential CPC grants. Alumni Field House renovation: Brion reported that the football coach was gathering information for the project. We will ask Paul to be our liaison to the coach for the project. Funding for a National Register designation project? Ellen will contact Stuart Saginor, Director of the CPC, to learn if funding for this type of project is allowed. Ellen asked the Commission to consider a replacement for her as our CPC rep. She also requested that Commission meetings return to the third Tuesday of the month schedule.

Historic watering troughs signage: Ellen has spoken to Carol at SignLogic about fabricating 4 powder-coated aluminum posts. Each post and cap will cost \$72. The question of relocating the trough at the old fire station is dependent upon a new owner's plan to keep it in place or not. However, we should be prepared to suggest a new location. Suggestions include the triangle at Nason & Main, the upper NW corner of Memorial Park, the Nason Street side of the Library, near the Maynard History Panels, and at the new fire station.

Historic Markers: there is FY23 funding still available for 7 markers. Lee will work on the project.

Town website page for the Historical Commission: Priscilla will check on the posting of archived minutes with the Town.

NEW ITEMS:

Maynard's Scenic Roads: Lee presented information about the designations of Scenic Roads in town by the passage of warrant Article 76 at Town Meeting in 1975. The Article, sponsored jointly by the Historical and Conservation Commissions, designated Concord Street, Old Marlboro Road, Summer Street from Concord Street to the Town Line, and Puffer Road "running from Route 27 through the U. S. Army land to the Assabet River" as "Scenic Roads" subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C. A motion to amend the article to omit Puffer Road was defeated. [Note: Puffer Road is not a town-accepted road.]. Lee will contact Paul Boothroyd to see if he knows why no signage was created to mark the roads after they were accepted as Scenic Roads at Town Meeting.

Ellen made a motion to support a "Scenic Road" initiative with regards to signage. It was seconded by Brion and approved.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Brion, seconded by Priscilla, and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm. *Next scheduled meeting: June 20, 2023 (subject to change).*