

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Lunenburg Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes:

February 2, 2016

Members Present:

Becky Lantry, Amory Phelps, Richard McGrath, Cullen Dwyer and Lois Lewis

Members Absent:

None

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes Approval:

January 6, 2016 and the January 25, 2016 minutes were approved.

Correspondence:

Kinder Morgan letter on proposed pipe line. There was no further information.

Old Business:

Richard McGrath said the demolition delay is in effect for the property at 37 Burrage Street.

Richard McGrath has discussed the restoration of the North Cemetery town tomb with the Public Works Director of Operations, Jack Rodriguenz. No bond is needed, and the town insurance coverage has been resolved with the town manager, Kerry Speidel. The building at the North Cemetery continues to be a question due its deteriorating condition.

Present Business/New Business:

The Town Pound is in need of some restoration especially for the stone walls. The Town, as the owner, has offered its assistance in this restoration.

Richard McGrath reported some town markers are missing.

Becky Lantry suggested the Historical Markers could be a simple bronze circle plaque with the year inscribed, and could be noticed in the Ledger.

Amory Phelps provided information about the Community Preservation Act. The Community Preservation Act would require residents to contribute to a fund based on a certain percentage of the assessed value of the owner's real estate. This fund, with some state support, would then be able to finance approved town projects. Approximately one

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hundred sixty Massachusetts towns and cities have enacted such an Act. The city of Medford's Act was used as an example to discuss its implications for Lunenburg. Further information is available on the Internet search "cpa.org/project/new"

Richard McGrath suggested a "walkabout" within the District would be of assistance to the Architectural Preservation District Commission.

A demolition delay request has been received for the property at 203 West Townsend Road. Richard McGrath reported this forty five acre property has been neglected. It is comprised of a house, barn and outhouse. The request will be considered at the March 1, 2016 monthly scheduled meeting.

The *Historically Speaking* articles for the *Lunenburg Ledger* are for:

February	Becky Lantry
March	Richard McGrath
April	Cullen Dwyer
May	Amory Phelps
June	Lois Lewis
July	Becky Lantry

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for March 1, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ritter Building.

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