

# Town of Lunenburg Historical Commission

Rebecca Lantry, Chair  
Richard McGrath, member  
Cullen Dwyer, Clerk  
Jennifer Sanderson, member  
Bill Lakso, member



## Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2019, 6:30PM, Ritter Building 960 Massachusetts Avenue

### ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

Meeting Opened by Chair Lantry at 6:40 with Dwyer and McGrath present.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Minutes for January 16th, 2019, were read and approved with one minor edit.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Pamela Porter, the new owner of the Lunenburg Ledger wrote to introduce herself and express her hopes for future mutual support.

The Massachusetts History Alliance wrote to the commission, with an invitation to join, participate and contribute to their efforts.

Freedom's Way sent a form to catalog Lunenburg's historical characteristics and assets. Lantry intended to ask Lakso to fill it out and return it.

### PRESENT BUSINESS:

Demolition Requests: None.

Lunenburg Ledger Articles: Lantry asked if the commission would like to resume contributing articles. McGrath and Dwyer expressed interest in doing so, especially if they could write slightly longer articles and less frequently than before.

Old Primary School: Dwyer reviewed what had been discussed at the BoS workshop meeting. McGrath recommended that Lantry collaborate with Selectman Adams to begin building a plan for keeping the property in town ownership for use by the community.

Community Preservation Act: After some discussion the commission agreed that Lunenburg's participation in the Community Preservation Act would be beneficial, and that they should take steps toward drafting a warrant article for town meeting to that end.

Town Report: Lantry presented copies of a draft of the report on the Commission's activities in 2018, to be submitted to the town for the annual report.

### UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Arnold Litch Cemetery: McGrath presented and estimate for materials required to erect the monuments at the old cemetery, including granite foundation blocks, epoxy, lead and concrete. Since the granite blocks were estimated at \$735, Lantry recommended that McGrath have the vendor submit a W-9 so that the town could issue a check to them. Other, smaller expenses could be reimbursed.

The Battles House: Lantry had not heard anything from the demolition applicant Ron Koiview, nor from Tanner Cole who expressed his intent to move the barn. It appeared that Koiview had not made any effort to sell or protect the historic house, as he is required to do by the demolition delay bylaw. She agreed to call them both.

Lantry found a publication from Mass Historic explaining a program in Massachusetts, offering tax abatements to those restoring historic buildings to be used for income. She thought it might apply to Gary Burton's property on 944 Massachusetts Avenue. McGrath agreed to forward the information to him.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 5th, 2019

Meeting adjourned: at 7:37