

# Town of Lunenburg Historical Commission

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



## Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2019, 6:30PM, Ritter Building 960 Massachusetts Avenue

Meeting Opened by Chair Lantry at 6:30

### Review of minutes:

Minutes for December 4th and November 6th were read and accepted. Minutes from October 2nd were not read. Lakso motioned to approve them anyway along with the November minutes and the motion carried.

### Present business:

#### Arnold Litch Cemetery:

Lantry presented the bronze plaque she had ordered to mark the location of the Arnold-Litch cemetery. Bill Tyler of the Historical Society made arrangements with Richard McGrath to repair a damaged marker that had been recovered from the cemetery. They also discussed the logistics of fastening the plaque to a marker that had originally been intended for use in the cemetery, but never used. Tyler expressed concern that the new monument be placed out of harms way, and suggested that brush may need to be cleared.

### K-House Project:

It was discussed that there was a spare bronze plaque to mark buildings on the National Register. Lantry and Lakso noted that the "Pound-keepers Cottage" presently owned by Jean Larkin was historically notable, but had no marker, and was not even listed on the National Register. They agreed to take action on the matter.

### The Battles House:

68 Elm Street remained under demolition delay. Lantry noted that there were no "For Sale" signs up, and nobody had heard of the new owner making any efforts to sell the property, as he is required to do. Lantry intended to contact him to remind him of his responsibilities, and also to schedule a walk-through to assess the condition of the house. Dwyer motioned to approve the use of any necessary resources to produce and distribute fliers in the neighborhood. The purpose of the flier would be to inform the neighborhood of plans for development and the need to save the historic house. The motion carried.

Lantry noted that the Town Council would be available for consultation on January 28th, and intended to get a legal opinion on whether the house at 68 Elm Street was covered under the Demolition Delay Bylaw Amendment that extended the delay to eighteen months.

### Old Primary School:

Dwyer and McGrath reported on the workshop with the Board of Selectmen on January 15th regarding the Old Primary School. Lantry spoke at length on the benefits of enacting a Community Preservation Act, which would raise funds to restore buildings like this one. She also expressed interest in collaborating with the Agricultural Commission to convert the building into a sort of farmers' market.

### Other Business:

Darren Massey was present to announce a photography exhibition event on Saturday, June 8th. 50-60 photographers will participate through the Lunenburg Business Administration. He requested subjects, stories and topics regarding Lunenburg farms and history.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for February 6th, 2019

Meeting adjourned: at 7:57