

# Shutesbury Historical Commission

Minutes – 2/12/24

(approved 03/13/24)

*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting start:** 6:14 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Henry Geddes (Chair), Janice Stone, Matteo Pangallo, Bert Fernandez

**Commissioners Absent:** Karen Czerwonka

**Others Present:** Leslie Bracebridge (Associate Commissioner)

## **Review & approve Annual Report**

Commissioners reviewed the draft document and provided comments, which were noted by Geddes. Commissioners thanked Geddes for putting the report together.

## **Vote to accept donations from the Friends of Shutesbury Historical Commission**

As noted in the Annual Report, the Commission needs to vote to accept the following funds from the Friends of the Shutesbury Historical Commission for Shutesbury Historical Commission (SHC) projects:

1. \$1000.00 earmarked for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) grant funds for the Shutesbury Historical Commission's project of painting the black and white guideboard on the Town Common, as previously voted by the Friends.
2. \$1500.00 to the Shutesbury Historical Commission for the specific purpose of on-going maintenance or repairs to the West Schoolhouse at the intersection of West Pelham and Leverett Roads.
3. \$500 to the Shutesbury Historical Commission for the specific purpose of on-going maintenance, landscaping, improvements, and/or repairs to the Town Pound on Cooleyville Road. Geddes made the motion to accept the three donations, seconded by Stone, approved by Fernandez, Geddes, Pangallo and Stone.

## **Review and approval of past minutes**

Geddes asked about approving the minutes for 10/25/23. Present at that meeting were Czerwonka, DeFant, Geddes, and Pangallo. Czerwonka was not present at this meeting, and DeFant has resigned. Question on whether the minutes could be approved by the remaining three members at a future meeting, or did it require a minimum of four, which would no longer be possible? Geddes will check with Town Clerk.

## **Town Guideboard Restoration Project Update**

Pangallo reported that the Guideboard was packed up by volunteers on January 30<sup>th</sup> and driven to the Williamstown Art Conservation Center, which received it that same day. The staff there wrapped it in another layer of plastic and will let it sit at least a month, maybe two. Then it will be inspected and a plan for the work will be done. Commissioners thanked Pangallo for organizing the packing and transport.

Commissioners discussed the preliminary drawings for a gazebo to be placed over the Guideboard when it comes back, to provide some protection from the elements. Commissioners liked the plan, and discussed the importance of checking with the Highway Department, Police and Selectboard on the exact location, to ensure that it does not block the view of traffic at that

intersection. Fernandez is coordinating this part, and has a volunteer carpenter to do the construction.

### **West School House Repairs Update**

The lightning copper cable that was directing the water down from the roof to the corner of the building foundation has been moved. The Commission is waiting to see if Bob Groves puts in a bid for the other work. Fernandez reported that the mouse traps appear to have been effective.

### **Membership**

The Commission now has two openings, with the recent resignation of DeFant. They discussed ways to advertise the openings. Town Administrator email, Town newsletter, Next Door, School Parents Facebook will all be considered.

### **Next Meeting**

Commissioners decided on **Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. Meetings are still being held by Zoom.

### **Adjournment**

Geddes moved to adjourn. Pangallo seconded. Fernandez, Geddes, Pangallo, & Stone voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Janice Stone*