

Historical Commission Meeting

Minutes for May 21, 2018, 4:30 PM

Approved at the 7/30/18 meeting

Shutesbury Town Hall – Community Lounge downstairs

Members Present: Miriam DeFant, Christopher Donta, Henry Geddes, Janice Stone.

Members Absent: Karen Czerwonka, Kristin Van Patten, James Schilling-Cachet, Mary Lou Conca (Associate).

1. Minutes. Miriam DeFant was the Chair of this meeting. Henry made the motion, seconded by Chris, to approve the minutes for May 7, 2018. All voted in favor.
2. Follow-up to arranging a forest walk for the Commission with Eva Gibavic. Miriam told the Commission she has been in touch with Ms. Gibavic about a tour of the Shutesbury State Forest, to look at and for stone work from colonial times and examples of Ceremonial Stone Landscapes (CSL). Ms. Gibavic is busy and the forest walk will have to be postponed for a while. The Commission discussed concerns about whether the site visit had to be open to the public, since it might contain some sensitive information. Janice checked with the Town Administrator, and she confirmed that the Commission's site visit would not be subject to Open Meeting Law, as long as the Commission does not deliberate. There is a book coming out soon by a Bridgewater State archaeologist named Curt Hoffman, which is said to include photos and information on locations of CSL, some published without permission.
3. Discussion of Hidden Landscape video showing. The Commission members discussed final preparations for the showing of the film in Town Hall on June 14th at 6:30 PM. They reviewed the draft "poster" and some changes were agreed upon. Room preparation, refreshments, equipment, signage and clean up were discussed.
4. Memorial Day Parade at Quabbin Cemetery. Commission discussed what was needed for participation in this event. Janice has agreed to go. Karen Czerwonka and her husband will be going, as they have for many years, dressed in historical costumes. Janice will get the large banner and hangers (to use when not marching with it) from the Old Town Hall through Leslie Bracebridge.
5. Scheduling of next meeting and agenda. Commissioners agreed to meet June 18, 2018 at 4:30 PM. Chris will Chair that meeting.
6. Adjournment. Miriam made the motion, seconded by Chris, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Janice Stone, Secretary
Shutesbury Historical Commission

List of Documents used at Meeting:

1. Agenda for this meeting.
2. Draft poster for Great Falls film event.