

Shutesbury Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2018 7PM

Approved at the 2/7/19 meeting

Commissioners Present – Chris Donta, Miriam DeFant, Kristin Van Patten, Karen Czerwonka.
Also present: Craig Pepin, resident.

1. Campaign to change the Massachusetts state flag and seal. A state campaign to replace the state seal and flag contacted the Historical Commission. This campaign seeks to establish a commission, that includes Native leaders representing indigenous Americans from within the Commonwealth, to recommend possible changes to the state flag and seal. They are asking that a non-binding resolution on this topic be placed on town meeting day warrants in 2019.
Discussion: Board was unwilling to go forward with a position on this matter without opening wider discussions with town citizens.
Motion: to contact David Detmold (representing the campaign) and invite him to a meeting, invite members of the Select Board to the same meeting, and to conduct outreach to publicize the question and invite further participation from the town.
Motion passed 4-0.
2. Discussion of recent correspondence received from Rolf Cachat-Schilling, town resident, including discussion of past efforts to invite participation in HC meetings. The HC decided that he should be invited again to attend in a meeting in person.
Motion: Kristin Van Patten will draft a letter inviting Rolf Cachat-Schilling to attend a meeting in person, for review at the next meeting.
Motion passed 4-0
3. Review of draft letter to parties interested in preservation of indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscapes.
The HC is gathering contact information for Native American individuals and groups who might be interested in collaborating with the town.
Review of draft letter tabled until January meeting.
4. Annual Report review
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5. New Business for 2019 for future discussions
 - a. Cultural Grant re: Ceremonial Stone landscapes
 - b. Continue discussion with Building Commission regarding repurposing and/or preservation of Old Town Hall.
Historical Commission initially expressed general support when the subject was first raised, pending further details.
 - c. Digitization of Town historical archives.
6. Adjournment

Minutes recorded by Craig Pepin, revised by Miriam DeFant.