

Princeton Historical Commission
Minutes of meeting July 20, 2017

Members present: Larry Todd, Matt Lindberg, Joyce Anderson and Joe Lee

Meeting called to order 7: 00 p.m.

Minutes for 5/18/17 approved.

Larry Todd reported that he has met with Tamara regarding the cemetery gravestone restoration work at Meetinghouse cemetery. The committee voted to approve funding for \$1500 to continue her work. Larry met with Tamara and expensed the project with the Town Hall. Tamara is currently working on several stones and Larry agreed to follow up with her as to her progress.

Larry reported that he has been appointed to the Town Facilities Committee which he thought would be beneficial to our group so as to keep informed and participate in issues that concern us. He indicated that they would be holding their first meeting soon and that their goal was to hire an architect to study the needs and condition of the facilities in town.

Discussion was had relative to the sign proposed for the Town Pound. Questions were raised about the size of the sign and the wording to be placed on the sign. All agreed by unanimous vote to the language on the sign as proposed. Joyce agreed to rewrite the wording and to present it to the Conservation Commission for review. Larry agreed to contact Brian Keevan and get an update on what the Conservation Commission plans were for the Pound.

A discussion was had relating to the Route 140 reconstruction project in East Princeton village. Our committee has some concerns about the lighting to be installed as part of the project. The current lighting proposed is not in balance with the time period historically. Joyce agreed to look into options for alternative lighting. Matt reported that the stone walls would be restored to mimick what is existing.

Joyce reported that Mass Historic Commission has determined that Keyes Brook bridge is in the National Historic District and will need more investigation before building the bridge. Their concern is the potential adverse effect of bridge construction relating to archeological concerns. Members wondered if this could trigger another review. Matt volunteered to contact MEPA and follow up on their letter and to see if they expect another review.

Larry reported that he attended the Crocker Farm sign dedication on behalf of our committee. It was very uneventful and the crowd was very small.

Our presence on the town web site was discussed. Our site was never completed and needs some work. It was agreed that we would all give this some thought and have a more in-depth discussion at our next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 21, 2017 @ 7 p.m. at the annex.
Meeting was adjourned at 8: 45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Lee