

Princeton Historical Commission

Minutes of meeting: July 19, 2018

Members present: Krista Ferrante, Phil Mighdoll, Larry Todd (chair). Brian Keevan, chair of the Conservation Commission was in attendance and Alan Hawthorne of Princeton Tree Service joined us later.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 06 pm.

Minutes of 6/21 meeting was approved.

Town Pound Project.

There was a discussion of those trees that needed to be taken down. Based on a quote from Princeton Tree Service, Brian outlined the options:

- Just fell the trees (\$1800)
- Clear up the site – haul, chip (\$2500)

A motion was approved to accept the “clear up the site” version. ½ would come from this year’s budget.

Alan Hawthorne of Princeton Tree Service arrived and added that he might need a police detail (\$200) if chipping. Also, the work should take ½ day. Thus, it could total \$3100 and would include clearing the saplings inside the plot.

\$1300 was approved from the FY’19 budget for the difference. Note that spending last year’s funds (encumbered) has already been approved for this project.

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There was some discussion of access between the Town Pound and the Cemetery, but no action was taken. Also we raised the issue of possible archeological finds in the pound area.

Information From Mass Historic Commission.

Larry distributed a summary sheet which outlines the role of local Historical Commissions in MA.

Historic House Interest Group.

No progress. The ball is still in Krista's court on this matter.

The PHC website.

We're trying to get electronic copies of the application papers used for nominating places for registration in the National Register. We believe that Mass Historic has these. Joyce is looking and Krista volunteered to do some research.

Mechanics Hall.

The town is forming a committee to develop plans/requirements for the disposition of Mechanics Hall. We moved that Larry should communicate with Nina about PHC's role and interest in the subject.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, 8/23 at 7 pm in the Annex.

Submitted by *Phil Mighdoll*