

**Sturbridge Historical Commission**

**Nov. 10, 2016 Minutes**

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Richard Volpe, V. Chair; Bailey Applegate; Cathy Zavistoski; Jean Bubon (Town Planner); Michael Glick (manager Publick House); Michael Harrington (owner, Resurrection Real Estate LLC); Sherri Harrington; Mary Blanchard (Sturbridge Selectwoman); Charles Blanchard; William Smith

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Oct. 18, 2016 minutes; CZ moved, RV 2<sup>nd</sup>, approval unanimous  
CPC Representative – CPC meetings held one Monday evening a month to be considered  
Minuteman Rm display - \$1603 available for historical interpretation and display to be considered

Exhibition Hall – BS stated final demolition occurred this week – debris to be cleared away.  
There was some delay for a few days to clean up asbestos around the elevator.

Historic Resources Survey – BS announced Elizabeth Rairigh from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is ready to attend an upcoming HC meeting to review the list of buildings chosen to be on the current survey.

Historic Resources Survey grant for 2017 – BS reports that the letter of intent was sent in on Nov. 10, 2016 before the Nov. 14 deadline for a 50/50 matching grant to Mass Historical. She attended the Community Preservation Comm. meeting on Nov. 7 and they agreed to write a letter of support for the grant which was also sent in to Mass Historical. The CPC would be the matching fund financial support in the amount of \$10,000 if the grant was approved by Mass Historical. The \$10,000 would have to be formally approved by the CPC when all the details for the grant are gathered and it would have to be approved by a town meeting, then go out to bid.  
Discussion of Elizabeth Rairigh's survey of 283 Main St. – Publick House barn. – BS stated that the Demolition Bylaw allows 21 days after the public hearing to inform the building inspector of their decision. There was a discussion of the survey and the issue of demolition among the group. Copies of the survey were handed out. After the discussion everyone left except the HC board members and William Smith.

Old Business – none

New Business – RV submitted information about a plaque program he found from another MA town online. Benefits of such a program were discussed and the possibility of having a program ready by May 2017.

Survey of 283 Main St. discussion

Adjourn: 7:29 p.m. moved RV. 2<sup>nd</sup> BS, unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Search, Chair