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NAME OF BOARD/COMM: Historical Commission

FILED BY: Elisa Scola

DATE OF MEETING: July 18, 2017

TIME OF MEETING: 7:30 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: Town Building

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**AGENDA**

7:30 Public Comment

7:40 Update on North and South Cemetery restoration projects  
- Vote on Invoice from Monument Conservation

7:50 Discussion of Demolition Delay Bylaw  
- Chris Skelly, MHC invited to attend

8:00 Update on 24 School Street

8:10 Discussion of preservation of Castle Gate Pillars

8:30 Update on First High School

8:40 Update on Railroad and Rail Trail  
- Cattlepasses in Wayland and Weston

9:00 Update on Archaeology  
- Date for next archaeological sifting project  
- Transfer Station Sifting Project

9:10 Update on Cochituate Gate House

9:20 Review of June 2017 minutes

9:30 New Business and other items not identified prior to submission of Agenda

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Elisa,

This is a safety issue - for both the public and the pillars. If the Historical Commission wants the BoPW to sponsor a project to preserve them it will likely have to accept that the pillars may be shifted somewhat.

If the Historical Commission would not support the project if moving the pillars was involved - then we have a real impasse - BoPW is unlikely to amend its proposal to CPC. If the CPC chooses, it can simply not fund the project.

If safety is off the table, I'm not sure the BoPW would even *allow* the pillars to be reconstructed at their current less-safe positions in the road right of way

If the Historical Commission wishes, I will address this in person at your next meeting. I could then bring it up at the next BoPW meeting. I would personally recommend to the BoPW that it withdraw the application unless the Historical Commission is unwilling to accept modest re-positioning.

I find the Commission's position quite troubling - we do not have the luxury of time for much more back and forth about this - the pillars may fall while we debate.

As I see it, historic purity is standing in the way of practical historic preservation. This sort of preservation occurs all the time when roads are built or moved. Time has passed, trucks are wider, and for the safety of the driving public and the safety of the pillars themselves, they may need to be re-positioned somewhat.

The Historical Commission is asking that we leave the pillars in harm's way; and avoidably bad outcome. Why bother spending the money if we leave them there as targets to be hit again?

Please forward my remarks to members of the Commission.

Mike Lowery  
written personally

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