



Westfield Historical Commission
December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Commission Chair Cindy Gaylord as well as Commissioners Carly Bannish, Cindy Bronson, Ellen McEwan, Debbie Oppermann, Michael Ingraham, and Amanda Goodheart Parks present. Commissioner Gaylord called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Public Participation:

Secretary's Report:

Commissioner Goodheart Parks, Secretary submitted minutes from the November 2019 Meeting. Commissioner McEwan made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Commissioner Oppermann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Bannish, Treasurer, reported the following balances:

General Fund: \$5,125.00

Historical Gift Account: \$16,968.42

Mail:

The Commission received a holiday card from Ricky's Port-a-Pottie as well as a postcard announcing Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant program workshops.

Unfinished Business:

Coloring Book Update:

Commissioner Gaylord will reach out to faculty at Westfield Technical Academy regarding coloring book publication after the holiday season/winter break.

New Pocket Sites Tour:

The Commission discussed several options for new stops on a Pocket Sites tour. Commissioner Bannish noted that each stop needs to have a GPS location in order for Pocket Sites to work properly. Commissioner Oppermann suggested a tour focusing on the immigrant experience in Westfield including historic social clubs, churches, etc. The Commission discussed various immigrant groups to include in the tour, and each Commissioner was assigned 1-3 groups to research. Commissioner Bannish will take the lead in coordinating the research and photos for the tour.

Historic Sign for Old Burying Ground:

Tabled until January 2020 meeting.

New Business:

Resignation of WHC Member:

Commissioner Amanda Goodheart Parks resigned her position on the Commission effective December 16, 2019. She has served on the Commission since June 2014. Of all the projects she worked on during her tenure, she is most proud of taking the lead in compiling the city's Properties of Historical Significance List.

Commissioner McEwan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bannish seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 27, 2020, March 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Goodheart Parks, Ph.D., Outgoing Secretary
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