



LUDLOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Our March 29, 2023 meeting opened at 6:40 pm at Ludlow Town Hall with the following members present: John Moll, Angela Tierney, Betty Kibbe, Karen Pilon and Allison DeLong. Guests in attendance were Sarah Lacour, Vice President of Operations, WestMass and Sean O'Donnell, Community Development and Planning Coordinator, WestMass.

Pledge of allegiance

February's meeting did not have a quorum but discussed ways the historical commission could help with the 250th celebrations. The commission voted to spend \$100 to transfer a reel of what we presume is a video of the Bicentennial Parade. Motion: To spend \$100 to convert one reel from the Bicentennial to view to see if it is worth converting the other 5 reels. Angie made the motion and Betty seconded. Larry Goodreau was contacted to possibly paint some old time type pictures on plywood with holes cut out for faces for photo opps. He readily agreed.

Road Monument: Repair estimates are as follows: \$9850 to repair and move the monument in front of the Meetinghouse plus \$2000 for crane work. \$2800 to restore the monument where it is. Insurance will cover all of the \$2800 estimate with a \$1000 deductible. John met with the finance committee and they are willing to give us \$2100 towards the Rood Monument repair plus other archival items. A motion was made to approve to spend \$1000 of the historical commission's budget for the deductible, Angie making the motion and Betty seconding.

Town Hall will be closed during June, July and August for abatement and renovations. Questions remain as to how business transactions will be conducted during this time.

Sarah LaCour and Sean O'Donnell gave a brief presentation on Mill 11 and its storage building, one of the "300s". This building has been researched to find viable uses, to no avail. It is built in such a way that it does not meet any building codes and would be far too costly to renovate and restore to code. Windows and the roof contain asbestos and vandalism is a huge concern. Sarah and Sean asked for a letter of support from the commission supporting the decision to demolish. The historical commission voted 4 to 1 in favor of supporting the demolition. Karen asked for bricks from this unique building and Sarah assured us we will get some. The motion for approval for demolition was made and seconded by Angie and Karen respectively. John will ask other town departments for input/approval.

Our next meeting will be May 31, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm with John making the motion and Allie seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pilon, Secretary