



## LUDLOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The September 27, 2023 meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order at 7:45 PM by John Moll with the following members present : John Moll, Betty Kibbe, Angela Tierney, and James ( Chip) Harrington. Additionally, Mrs. Elaine Hodgeman was in attendance as a guest. Absent: Karen Pilon, Allison DeLong

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 29, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Chip Harrington to approve the minutes and seconded by Betty Kibbe.

### Unfinished business:

John Moll presented an update of the Rood Monument relocation. The Board of Selectmen have allocated \$11,850 from 46R funds to accomplish this. John has been in contact with the MWRA and the DPW regarding site work.

John Moll presented more information in regard to the 250th Ludlow Celebration and the part that the Historical Commission might play. John has spoken to Larry Goodreau in regard to creating appropriate designs on plywood with cut outs. These could provide photo opportunity for celebrants during some of the festivities. John will contact Mr. Goodreau to see if he would be willing to present some sketches at our next meeting.

### New Business:

The Chair updated the Commission concerning the collapse of the Red Bridge Power House. A suggestion was made to create a memorial using some of the granite from the building and perhaps a plaque with a photograph of the structure. John is in contact with the Wilbraham Historical Commission for further discussion. Glass negatives, some relating to the Power House, acquired from David Sady were examined by the commissioners. These will be given to the Hubbard Library to be digitalized.

The commission held a brief discussion about the ongoing development of the Ludlow Mills area. Mrs. Hodgeman commented on the fact that the new windows are maintaining the historical aspect of the buildings. The chair clarified that the developers are making this effort as a result of the oversight of the US Park Service and this facilitates the acquisition of grant monies being made available.

A nicely framed photograph was given to the Commission by Mrs. Gail Hogan Lucia. Her family has a connection to the Hogan Ice House on Liberty Street in Springfield. The photo depicts the 1903 Ludlow Recreation Association baseball team. Unfortunately, many of the men in the photo are unidentified. Mr. Harrington suggested that this photo might be welcomed into the Ludlow Athletic Hall of at Ludlow High School. He will investigate that possibility.

With no further business , motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Kibbe. The meeting adjourned a 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Angela Tierney*  
Acting Secretary