



# Attleboro Historical Commission

Government Center – 77 Park Street  
Attleboro, Massachusetts, 02703



Minutes – January 13, 2020

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**Regular Members:** Marian Wrightington (Chair), Brian French, Bette Fuller, Rachel Killion, Brian Ludwig, Jerry Raposa

**Alternate Members:** Brian Hatch, Bill Lewis, Jerry Turcotte, Len Yutkins

**Guest:** Chris Frappier

Bill Lewis acting as Regular Member in place of Vic Bonneville (absent)

Meeting called to order by Chair, Marian Wrightington at 6:31 PM

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made by Jerry Raposa to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Len Yutkins. Passed unanimously.

## REPORTS

**Attleboro Historic Preservation Society** – January 16, 2020 program by Catherine Feerick needed to be changed, Janice Beck will be presenting old 1940s Sun Chronicle series on historic houses. St. John's church in February. House Tour in June; looking for houses.

**Schoolhouse Conditions** – Muggsville: Brian F. and Marian will be meeting with a representative from the local carpenter's union; Bette asked to join. He has samples of products that look historically appropriate, but are made from material that will last longer. District 17: Bette is in contact with teachers, planning on programs in Spring. Building is in good condition.

**Zoning and Planning Notices** – 490 Newport Ave. was issued a "stop order" because they didn't have proper permits.

**Attleboro Land Trust** – Finalizing "Hike Attleboro" signage to install for Spring, may be room on some signs for historical text. Ben Cote led another hike at Dodge cemetery, maybe it could be added to "Hike Attleboro." Sensata is going to help fix shed/garage at Barrows Farm. Geocachers Alliance has set up augmented reality caches with pictures and information on Attleboro history.

**Burial Grounds** – Ben Cote had a group of about 25 out at Dodge Family cemetery.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Southbound Canopy and Switch Tower** – waiting for MBTA and GATRA.

**Wolfenden Smokestack Replica** – waiting to hear from Jeff on lights we picked out.

**Preservation Plan Request** – Mayor has still not sent proposal to Council; Marian and Brian French met with Mayor, he suggested writing a letter to the Sun Chronicle “Voice of the Public”. Marian wrote the letter and sent it in.

**Preservation Awards** – need to contact George Rhodes about March 1<sup>st</sup> nomination deadline and post on Facebook.

**Donation Form** – city solicitor has a copy of the form. Donation wording is not in city ordinance yet, so hold off on accepting donations right now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Membership** – 2 Associate Memberships are still open. Chris Frappier attended meeting and is interested in being new member.

**Pleasant Street Rock Pile** – Rachel sent a message and pictures to Ed Bell from MHC and his response indicated that this rock pile is not an archaeological site. He recommended contacting previous land owners. Marian left a message for Diane Spatcher. Brian Hatch will ask George Spatcher.

**Silva Gallery** – Sara Chaloux is current artist.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

An environmentalist called asking about Pelletier’s Automotive on Pine Street to see what it was before. Nothing in our files.

MHC Round 26 grants open.

City Inauguration program (January 7, 2020) for our files.

Briggs Hotel has sold, not sure who new owner is.

Jim Hanley recorded Bridgewater students kitchen skits, not open house as originally intended.

Next Meeting – **February 10, 2020**

Adjournment – 7:46 PM