



Attleboro Historical Commission

Government Center – 77 Park Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts, 02703



Minutes – April 6, 2023

Held at Attleboro Public Library – 6:30 PM

Regular Members: Marian Wrightington (chair), Brian French (vice-chair), Rachel Killion, Jerry Raposa, Jerry Turcotte

Alternate Members: Brian Hatch, Diane Mangiaratti, Kevin Smith, Len Yutkins

- Diane Mangiaratti acting as Regular Member in place of Bette Fuller
- Len Yutkins acting as Regular Member in place of Brian Ludwig

Meeting called to order by Marian Wrightington at 6:34 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion was made by Jerry Turcotte to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2023. Seconded by Diane Mangiaratti, passed unanimously with correction: spelling of Diane Mangiaratti's name.

REPORTS

Attleboro Historic Preservation Society – April 29th fundraising program at the Oldtown - First Congregational Church in North Attleborough presented by Dr. Samuel Forman on the 1774 Solemn League and Covenant document. May 16th at AAIM, Carleton Legg presenting on Robinson (Foster) Building. June 10th is Saturday program, walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery.

Schoolhouse Conditions –

-Muggsville: Interior work with Jeremy Guay on hold, but may be back on track soon. Working on design of historically appropriate sign for outside.

-District 17: Jeff DiMarzio hoping to get back to project by the end of April.

Planning and Zoning Notices – nothing new to report

Attleboro Land Trust – city has applied for two Transformative Development Initiative Program (TDI) grants. Balfour Riverwalk if part of National Recreation Trail, need to investigate further.

Burial Grounds – no new information to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Switch Tower – no new information to report

Depot Canopy – no new information to report; however, loop-hole in MHC guidelines does not protect properties unless they come up for review - which may allow property owner to demolish due to neglect because it is not safe.

PAL Report Update – After a few final comments from us, final report has been sent out to City.

Historic Corridor (Newport Ave.) – Jerry R. had a few photos of examples of signage.

Preservation Awards – Due to a conflict the Award night has been moved May 25th from 6:00-8:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Membership – still have an Associate Member opening.

Downtown Plan – AHC Guest Column was published in the March 9, 2023 issue of Sun Chronicle. Marian read the letter to the City Council at March 21, 2023 meeting. Councilors gave positive feedback. George Rhodes did a follow-up article on March 22, 2023 “Could old Attleboro High building on County Street serve as new City Hall?”

42 County Street – not through Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor meeting – Marian and Brian F. have a meeting on April 24, 2023.

Hill-Roberts Display –

-Evelyn Silva Gallery: Bob Lanpher emailed several old postcards scenes for potential use in semi-permanent exhibit of South Attleboro “then and now” views. High School printed the postcards onto paper, but they are too large to use in this exhibit. Jerry suggested asking for another panel for us to use.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

Vincent F. Luti donated a binder of John New (18th century stone carver) photographs as well as a short unpublished manuscript on the Tingley stone carvers.

Rachel will compile a list of recent donations to send to City Council.

Next Meeting – May 4, 2023 @ APL – 4th floor

Adjournment – 8:07 PM