



Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Taverna - Chairman, Fred Merriam, Linda Prescott, Jeff Merrill, and Pan Du

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Public Comment: None

Community Preservation:

1. Cemetery Work – David Boyle is requesting \$8000 to restore stones in Forefathers Burying Ground. The total project will be \$20,000. The Historical Commission voted to support this article unanimously. The second request was for fencing at West Chelmsford – granite post with rails to replace the chain link fence. The cost would be \$38,000. After much concern, the Commission voted to support this article with concerns (vote was 4 to 1). The concerns are that the posts could settle and not look very good if just set in the ground.
2. Town Record Retention – This is a multi-year project. The total cost will be up to \$1,000,000. The Commission voted to support this article.
3. School Street Freight House – The Garrison House has agreed to move the freight house to the Garrison House grounds if the moving costs are covered. The current estimate is \$50,000 to \$75,000. The Commission voted to support this article with one abstention.

Pre-Demolition Requests:

1. 116 Riverneck Road – Scott Venier attended to advise us that there has been no change in having the inventory completed at the present time.

House Signs

Mr. Merrill reported that he will install the sign at 96 Middlesex Street. He needs the contact information for the bowling alley.

Historic District Updates: None

Budget: None

Calls, emails and letters: None

Local Certified Government: No report

Historic Preservation = What Can We Do: No Report

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the December 2022 meeting were approved with amendments.

Other Business:

9 Acton Road- Ms. Taverna noted that this property has appeared before the Planning Board and there are many issues.

Agenda for February 14, 2023 set.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.