

**Bolton Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 2, 2022**

Attendees:

Co-Chairmen: Martha Remington, Robert Busch

Members Present: Jeannemarie Padovano, Alice Coggeshall, Robert Tattersall, and Nate Smith

Guest: Ed Sterling

Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

1. **West and South Cemetery** - M. Remington met with a Leominster Monuments representative, who inspected the planned sites at West and South cemetery where plaques will be displayed. He will provide an estimate to M. Remington. It was noted that, independent of the Commission, wrought Iron gates are to be made for West Cemetery.
2. **E Bolton NRHD** The Historic District nomination paperwork has been submitted by A Forbes. The Mass. Historical Commission will be reviewing the material.
3. **Bolton Historic Surveys** - M. Remington and A. Coggeshall are continuing to review the documentation in the TOB Historic Surveys.
4. **National Trust for Historic Preservation** - last dues sent out in September 2020. BHC voted to renew the subscription for another year.
5. **NRHD certificates** will be displayed in the Select Board Room.
6. **Review of Person Park Site Preservation Plan** - B. Busch walked through the draft Site Preservation Plan (SPP) with the Commissioners. Preservational alternatives considered: 1) Renovate the existing building; 2) Tear down and cover over site 3) Take the building down and potentially preserve the chimney and build a three-season pavilion similar to the one on town common. The Plan recommends alternative 3). E. Sterling suggested that we might consider rolling garage doors to make this a four season building, however due to the isolation and cost this might not work. E. Sterling has spoken with two Bolton architects who would consider doing pro-bono work on this. The mechanics of demolition permit approval should go smoothly if there is prior approval of the SPP. Don Lowe is looking at the possibility of using the demo as a controlled burn for the Fire Department to reduce the town's costs and to use it as a training exercise for the Fire Department. Some concerns were raised such as how this would affect the chimney, or if any trees are likely to be damaged. Parks and Rec would ultimately operate the facility. Next steps include creating a clear and binding agreement for the town to move forward with this plan, ideally as an agenda item for the Town Meeting in 2023. BHC voted to accept the SPP as presented E. Sterling will bring the proposed plan to the Parks & Rec meeting for their review and approval on Tuesday, Feb 8th.
7. **Administrivia** - Advisory Committee approved the requested budget for 2023.
8. **Jan and Feb meeting minutes** Approval was deferred to the March 2 meeting because the Zoom screen sharing capability was not available at the time of this meeting.
9. **Adjourned** 7:03pm.
10. **Next meeting March 2, 2022.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jeannemarie Padovano