

**Bolton Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
August 4, 2021**

Attendees:

Co-Chairmen: Martha Remington, Robert Busch

Members Present: Jeannemarie Padovano, Alice Coggeshall, and Bob Tattersall

Guests : Nate Smith, Mary Ciummo

Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. The Eastwood Cemetery which lies both in Bolton and Lancaster has been added to the National Historic Register thanks to the efforts of the Lancaster Historical Society.
2. Bob Busch will buy cemetery cleaning supplies and paint for the bollards at Pan Cemetery. Commissioners will get together in the early Fall to do maintenance and cleaning at the cemetery.
3. The Pan Cemetery sign has been reinstalled and Martha Remington asked DPW to paint the sign post.
4. Persons Cottage - B. Busch has drafted a site preservation plan and reviewed it with Ed Sterling. Bob and Ed will go over to the site to assess with Don Lowe.
5. Martha Remington mentioned to Pam Powell that BHC has the framed NRHD certificates and Jeannemarie Padovano will show them to Pam, but will not leave them until we have a designated space to hang them.
6. Historic Plaques are in progress and will arrive at Town hall. M. Remington will contact Pathways Memorial in Leominster to install them. Two plaques will be mounted on granite bases at the cemetery after they are approved by the Selectman. M. Remington will bring a picture of these plaques for the selectman to see. She will also get approval from DPW on where they will be installed.
7. Membership - New prospective member Nate Smith has submitted a letter of interest which M. Remington will bring it to the BOS meeting in August, and give a copy to Jenny Jacobson to have on file. Nate Smith will send over a signed copy to M Remington.
8. NEW TOPICS: 11 Unit 40B 55 + project on South Bolton Road. There will be a ZBA hearing in August which Martha will attend. 5 Acre property of which 3 sides touch a pond.
9. Mass Historical Committee letters - Two letters were received explaining the difference between national and local historic districts. There was a refusal on Eastwood Cemetery's first request to be included in the Mass Historic District, however the letter was dated in July. Apparently Lancaster was ultimately successful in getting the cemetery included in the Historic District. (See item 1)
10. Keyes Farm: M Cuimo sent a letter to the Planning Board regarding the landscaping on the property . Developer has been recalled to the Planning Board for drainage issues. M. Remington will talk to Eric Nyland about completing landscaping. Town has some leverage since they haven't accepted the road yet.
11. Updating scenic roads - There are many roads in this document that need updating.

12. Historic Preservation is looking for the “most endangered historic places” around New England. The Economic Development Committee is meeting on Monday, when they will discuss properties in town that might qualify to apply for this grant.
13. There is a mixed use plan being drafted for historic downtown. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the EDC meeting on Monday at 7pm. Questions to consider include: What are they trying to accomplish? What are they doing to keep them as houses? If the vision is to put mom & pop businesses in these houses, what are they doing to protect the houses from being torn down?
14. Maintaining Historic Sites that are town owned - The DPW is taking care of these properties, however, Town sites need better care and maintenance. One option would be to ask an Eagle Scout to fix the bench at Quaker Park as their project.
15. July meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at our September meeting.

Next meeting September 1

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jeannemarie Padovano