

**Bolton Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 6, 2022**

Attendees:

Co-Chairmen: Martha Remington, Robert Busch

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

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

Updates/Public Comment:

- Treasurer's Report for FY22 (AC) - Final numbers are exactly as expected, invoices have been processed. BHC will be returning \$140.48 to the town. Anne Forbes and Hathaway Memorial invoices have been paid.

- Demolition Permit XP-22-4/22 West Berlin Rd. update (BB) - Lawyer representing the current owners indicated that the property is in the process and that preservation discussions should be conducted with the new owners, who he does not represent.

- Pan Cemetery – plaques, trees (MBR) - Hathaway will install the plaque, but the two bases have been held up at the quarry . M. Remington will ask the Tree Warden where the new boundary trees at Pan Cemetery will be planted. There are beautiful lilacs and an ash tree there already from the old sexton's house which was burned down to make room for the 495 interchange that should be preserved.

- Summer meeting schedule - Members voted to not conduct an August meeting unless something comes up to warrant a meeting.

New Topics:

- MHC commented on the proposed East End historic District Town bounds. The last nomination was the Pan district several years ago. There were issues with many properties and where to draw the district boundaries, as well as anticipated issues with the Scout properties along Hudson Rd. One proposal was to exclude the large parcels and instead highlight features alongside the roadways. However, new MHC staffers are not amenable to this, preferring that Sugar Rd. be left out and include only the first two properties on East End Rd. They are also requesting inclusion of the large 29 acre open parcel east of the 20th century Mentzer farmhouse on Rt. 117. BHC is concerned that splitting the district and leaving out the Whitcomb Inn is counterintuitive. and plans to propose extending the district to include the Whitcomb Inn property and Rattlesnake Hill. Rattlesnake Hill and the Lime Quarry were once part of the Whitcomb Inn property and were donated for conservation land. BHC commissioners and Anne Forbes will do some research and come up with alternate boundary proposals.

- Town Bounds -Some of the granite markers, which were used in the early 19th C to delineate town boundaries, have been damaged and replaced. M. Remington would like to research the procedure for any new Town Bounds.

BHC Organization/assignments Administrivia:

- M. Remington resigned, after an illustrious career, as Chairman. Bob Busch was unanimously voted in as the new Chairman.
- The status of the Old Firehouse in Bolton was discussed.
- All 2022 regular meeting minutes prior to this month were confirmed to have been reviewed and approved. These will be posted on the Town website.

Meeting adjourned 7:39

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

Respectfully Submitted.
Jeannemarie Padovano