

## Northborough Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022 called to order at 7:01PM (in person meeting)

**Members present:** Norm Corbin-Chair, Brian Smith, Millie Milton, Bob Licht, Brian Swanson;  
Alternates: Amanda Derosier Millette, Tom Reardon, Lorna Helms.

**Absent:** Leslie Harrison-Vice Chair, Bruce Chute,

### **Prior meeting minutes:**

June 27, 2022 meeting minutes: Approved unanimously as written. (Motion by Bob, seconded by B Smith).

### **Old Business:**

Brigham Street Cemetery improvement project is making progress, trees to be removed are marked.

Kizer Section Cemetery new signs have a design proposal and new pricing. Text may be changed to distinguish this from older sections. Scott Charpentier is managing.

Preservation Plan has not made as much progress as hoped due to other priorities and the quantity of additions suggested by MHC including addressing '50's growth.

In our Northborough Preservation Plan "Key Tasks" list, two items were discussed:

- Revise 5th item to read more like "Obtain funding for a survey of potential archeological sites in Northborough."
- Add an item such as: to assist with resources to incentivize energy efficiency upgrades and more historically accurate quality upgrades for historical buildings in Northborough.

### **New Business;**

Two copies of Peter Whitney's Worcester County book have been purchased for our use.

National Register application for Howard Street Cemetery has been completed and submitted.

National register application for 35 Whitney Street has received feedback requesting considerably more information.

Lana Elizabeth Ingerslev, high school Girl Scout, has begun her Silver Award project to clean gravestones in Howard Street Cemetery.

CPC funding requests should be finalized within the next month or so. Norm will contact Library re: historical marker for the library.

Archeological survey would be a candidate for future CPC funding. Concern was expressed that we may have missed opportunities to preserve some archeological history when the new warehouses were built on Bartlett Street on Rock Hill.

We discussed a possible project to upgrade the walking tour map of historic properties in downtown.

Applefest booth will be manned by Norm, Amanda, Brian and Bob.

**Committee Representative Updates:**

Master Plan Implementation Committee: Millie nominated as our rep by Norm, seconded by Tom and unanimously approved. Her MPIC status report included their conclusion that downtown, which they are working on defining, is a key focus including celebrating its history.

White Cliffs status by Norm: Kirk and co. is pursuing finding partners to put it back in use and will have an RFP done by month's end.

Laurie Connors with input from Bob and Amanda has submitted a very thorough application for adding White Cliffs to Preservation MA most endangered historical resources list.

**Communications:**

Jennifer Donahue, from Massachusetts Historical Commission is requesting input on MA Historic Preservation Plan.

Norm has recently forwarded info on several webinars on historical preservation that may be of interest to members

**Next Meeting Date:** To be determined based on video resource availability and Kirk and co.'s representative Brett Pelletier.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by B Smith seconded by Millie, approved unanimously at approximately 8:23 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Brian Swanson