



## Town of Wilbraham Historical Commission

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, January 14, 2020

**Time:** 7 pm

**Location:** Wilbraham Town Hall, Conference Room 1

**Attendees:** Roberta Albano, Charlie Bennett, Diane Testa

Absent: Ted Malysz, Art Wolf

### **Summary of Meeting:**

1. **Meeting minutes** from 9/24/10 and 11/12/19 were approved as is.
2. **Budget** – approach Nancy Johnson to adjust our one-time budget request for FY 2021, since our signage project costs will be reduced significantly given the plan to have Art-Tec Signs of Wilbraham to produce the historical signs.
3. **Historical Signage for center of town** – Art-Tec Sign Company of Wilbraham has put together a proposal to create three signs, made of PVC with engraved letters, and an aluminum post with scrolling metal brackets for hanging, totaling \$4,200 for all the work. This drastically reduces the cost put forward by Agnoli Sign Company of Springfield. Commission members prefer to have green & white to complement the colors of Minnechaug Regional High School. Terry Liberatori is the sign maker. Our present available funds in the budget would cover the production of two signs. We had submitted a one-time budget request for Fiscal Year 2021 for \$27,000, thinking that Agnoli Sign would be our vendor, but Nancy Johnson will be contacted to reduce that request to \$4,000. We will likely produce two signs this year, and one additional sign in 2021.
4. **New Historical Commission Members**

Art Wolf would still like to be a member of the Historical Commission until someone can take his place. His attendance will be sporadic, as he is out of state for much of the winter, and is unable to participate again until late spring. Bob Tourville would like to join the Commission as a member, and we welcome his participation. Steps are being taken to formalize his membership. Other townspeople's names were considered as possible members that we'd like to ask to become part of the Commission: Judy Cmero, Jean Albano Canosa, Gary Petzold, Pat O'Connor, Anne Guerney Tousignant. Our Commission is greatly in need of more members to be able to take on some of the projects that Stoughton Smead and his wife have suggested.

The Community Preservation Committee needs a representative from our Commission to serve on their committee. Art Wolf had been our representative, but resigned at the end of last year. We discussed asking Ted Malysz to take on this representative role if he is interested. We also considered a possible rotating assignment of an Historical Commission member to the CPC, such as Bobbi & Ted. Bob Tourville has a strong interest in the work of the CPC.

5. **Demolition Delay By-Law** – we can ask Ware, MA for the legal language it uses in its by-law. Nick Breault gathers all by-law proposals & then they go to the Selectmen for approval. A warrant goes out in the W-H Times in April/May.

**6. Art Work in Town Hall**

We discussed that with the sorrowful passing of long-time Wilbraham resident, Llewellyn Merrick, the Commission would like to memorialize him by placing a photograph with a small plaque in Conference Room 1 to complement the photograph of Jessie Rice also hanging on the wall of this room. Greg the barber also has some historical memorabilia to place on a wall of town hall. Perhaps other photographs of significant farm families of Wilbraham can be placed on the walls, such as the Bennett's, Nutupski's & Oaks Farm. We can look in the history book for other names of farm families.

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