

Pepperell Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Location: Town Hall, Conference Room B

Members present: Diane Cronin, Ron Karr, Joan Ladik

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairperson Diane Cronin.

The meeting minutes for the meeting of December 4, 2019, were approved.

Old Business

- **Publicity:** Diane has posted a request on Facebook for the public to contribute scanned images for an image archive of historical photos of Pepperell to share with the community. In particular, it would be nice to have older photos of the fire-ravaged apartment building at 50 Main Street, now slated for demolition.
- **Metal Detectors:** Casey Campetti being absent, discussion of this issue was postponed until our next meeting.
- **Guide to Pepperell:** Diane talked to town IT administrator Martin Cadek, who told her that setting up an online guide would be “relatively easy,” starting with a map. Joan suggested reaching out to the newly-re-established economic development committee to work on the guide. The commission agreed and she plans to continue the outreach effort. She showed the commission printed examples from other towns, some that could be used as design schemes for us. Joan will continue to talk to Martin and see what can be done.
- **Grants:** Joan attended a MPPF workshop on preservation grants. She reported that the Walton Cemetery would be eligible for a pre-development grant, subject to strict requirements, such as 50-75% matching funds. Diane noted other possible grant subjects might include town hall renovations.
- **Community Preservation Act:** Diane has been contacting towns to see how they have been using CPA funding. She plans to visit some of them in person and talk to officials to see how they are using the funds and how they persuaded their communities to adopt the CPA.
- **Historic District:** Diane noted that the signs for the district are showing their age and should be replaced, perhaps with grant funds.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Ron Karr, Clerk