

Pepperell Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019
Location: Town Hall Conference Room B

Members present: Diane Cronin, Ron Karr, Casey Campetti

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Diane Cronin.

The minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2018, were accepted.

The chair announced that Cory Minichino has resigned from the commission.

The chair introduced our newest member, Casey Campetti, who has a background in historical preservation and archeology.

Old Business

- Prudence Wright Overlook: The site is maintained by volunteers. Diane reported that on September 29 volunteers from the DAR performed cleanup work. The DAR has voted to accept stewardship over the site and will assist in its maintenance. The site has been subject to vandalism and the descriptive signs need to be replaced. Diane reported on the costs for Lexan plastic and reprinting the signs. The commission discussed revising the signs and the advantages and disadvantages of various materials. The commissioners will review the sign contents for possible revision.
- Peter Fitzpatrick Reuse Committee: Diane responded to a survey to the PHC, noting that we could use space for our files, records, and archives.
- Col. Prescott Statue: Casey has volunteered to continue these efforts by taking over the PHC Facebook page.
- Master Plan Update Committee: Diane, who serves on the committee, reported that returned surveys of town residents indicates support for the Community Preservation Act and historical preservation.
- Metal Detectors: Ron moved that the town revise its previous recommendation to “metal detecting not be permitted on any town-owned lands,” not just those in the Historic District, and that the chair convey this revised recommendation to the Town Administrator. Seconded by Casey, after considerable discussion the motion passed 3-0.
- Donations: The chair noted donations of historical Pepperell items from Paul Rose and Richard Whittier, and it was agreed to donate these items to the Historical Society.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019 (changed to June 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Ron Karr, Clerk