

Pepperell Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Location: Town Hall, Conference Room B

Members present: Diane Cronin, Ron Karr, Casey Campetti

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Diane Cronin.

The minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2020, were passed over for a future meeting.

Announcement

The chairperson, Diane Cronin, along with our covered bridge, was featured in a segment on the Chanel 5 Boston television program *Chronicle*, in a segment that aired February 12. The show dealt with covered bridges in Massachusetts.

Old Business

- Metal Detecting Guidelines: Casey completed revising the guidelines and they now rest with the town administrator, Andrew MacLean. Once approved, we hope they will be distributed to all town boards and departments that administer town lands.
- MACRIS Database Project: The MACRIS form for 42 Mill Street, a property visited by two members of the commission, needs to be finished. Casey is converting the list of candidate properties for the MACRIS database earlier prepared by Ron into a spreadsheet.
- Guide to Pepperell: Discussion of this item was postponed until our next meeting, due to the absence of Joan Ladik.
- Digitization of Historical Items: Ron has nothing new to report, but there was a discussion of the possible approaches to funding.

New Business

- Signage: State Sen. Edward Kennedy announced a \$17,600 earmark from the state that can be used to purchase kiosks for historical signs. The money must be spent by the end of June. For now, the plan is to acquire the frames, and then supply the content later. These will be used to identify and interpret historical sites, of which the commission has already prepared a basic list. The town will also be acquiring new signs to demarcate the historical district.

The next meeting will be held on, April 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. (postponed until October 20).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Ron Karr, Clerk