

**Dracut Historical Commission Meeting Minutes,
November 20, 2019**

Present: Dave Paquin, Chairman

Louise Tremblay

Linda Kawa-

Patrick Cox

Marc Gosselin

Henri Marchard- Absent



Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, at The Historic Building, 1660 Lakeview Ave, Dracut, MA.

Community Input:

None

Chairman Paquin explained, he has heard other towns are eliminating Community Input off their agendas. The reason being someone can come in under this and make some candid statement that has no basis at all, it's out there and you can't unwring the bell.

Mr. Paquin stated, he would like to get some clarification from the Town Clerk. Mr. Paquin explained the Dracut Housing Authority has stopped this at their meetings.

Mr. Gosselin explained, this has been happening a lot at the Selectmen's meetings lately and explained maybe the Town Clerk can get an opinion on it from the Secretary of State's office. It might even be on their website.

Minutes

Marc Gosselin made a motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Patrick Cox seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Mr. Robert Kohanski resignation

Chairman Paquin explained, he let the Board of Selectmen secretary, Shannon Rowe, know of Mr. Kohanski's resignation in writing for the board. Mr. Paquin explained, they will be looking to us for a recommendation if there are several candidate's as they did last time.

Demolitions

None

Pre Application for Historical Survey

Chairman Paquin explained this was an article that was presented and passed for the Community Preservation Committee, at Town Meeting, asking for Historical funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the Mill surveys, using Historical funding.

Communications:

Chairman Paquin explained, Jessie Forcier, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, sent a letter that Mr. Paquin was also sent a carbon copy of, as the Chairman of the Dracut Historical Commission. To Ms. Kaye Maddocks, who lives in Wood Village, Oregon. The letter is to thank her for sending the " Loving Cup " back home to Dracut.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held on September 10th, 2019, Chairman David Paquin, from the Historical Commission presented the trophy to Fire Chief David Brouillette. After 91 years, the trophy has found its way back home, and is now being displayed at the Dracut Central Fire Station located at 488 Pleasant Street. Chairman Forcier and the Board of Selectmen wanted to thank Ms. Maddocks for her generosity.

BBFC:

Chairman Paquin explained, at the last meeting the committee moved forward with the Master Plan proposal. Things are down

on paper now that they are kind of going to be moving around to determine what is going where.

Nothing that involves putting a bulldozer to the ground. It's all passive type thing they can do.

Mr. Paquin explained, Mr. Leo Caron has interest in selling the cab over motor farm truck that was used on the property. The price would be \$10,000.00 Dollars. The BBFC has no interest in buying the truck because of the \$10,000 Dollars, the committee does not have, the storage it would need, and money that would have to go into it when it breaks down.

Chairman Paquin explained, he let the Board of Selectmen secretary, Shannon Rowe, know of Mr. Kohanski's resignation.

New Business:

Chairman Paquin explained, the Clock that is at the Dracut Library, is part of the Harvey Gagnon Estate and it's worth a lot of money. Ms. Kathy Graham, the Town Clerk reached out to Mr. Paquin to make him aware there is nothing in writing in the Town Clerks office that they have found stating who owns the clock, even though we all know Harvey Gagnon did.

Mr. Paquin stated, he thinks there is something, somewhere with the Gagnon family.

Mr. Patrick Cox, Mr. Gagnon's grandson stated he will look into this with the family and their lawyer.

Ms. Graham is retiring next year and would like to have something on file before she leaves.

Old Business:

None

Treasures Report

Chairman Paquin read out loud the Treasures report for the record.

Bills:

Ms. Tremblay read the bills that were paid by the accounting office.

National Grid Gas Bill - \$50.82
National Grid Electric-\$191.97
DWSD Water Bill - \$97.31
Gagne Landscaping - \$120.00
Hudson Landscaping - \$ 325.00

Marc Gosselin made a motion to ratify the bills that were paid by the accounting office. Patrick Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2019 at 6:00pm

Louise Tremblay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Patrick Cox, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.