

Dracut Historical Commission Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2019

Present: Dave Paquin, Chairman

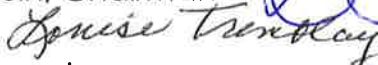
Louise Tremblay

Linda Kawa- Absent

Patrick Cox

Marc Gosselin

Henri Marchard



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

Community Input:

None

Minutes

Patrick Cox made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Louise Tremblay seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Demolitions

None

Communications:

Pre Application for Historical Survey

Chairman Paquin explained, Ms. Ware had another meeting tonight and apologized for not being here tonight. She did send a packet along to the commission tonight that outlines the guidelines for Survey and Planning Applications.

Mr. Paquin stated he and Ms. Ware have been looking over the guidelines together. It is due by 5pm on November 18, 2019. Ms. Ware has included the Navy Yard and Collinsville Mill for the Historic Surveys to be included for the funding year 2020.

Marc Gosselin stated he is glad to see Ms. Ware has been working on this along with Mr. Paquin.

Chairman Paquin explained he wrote a letter of support to Secretary Galvin's office on behalf of the Commission stating, we are supporting the Coalition for a Better Acre and if there are any historic rehabilitation tax credits available we would like to see them get that.

Marc Gosselin made a motion to have Ms. Ware proceed with the letter of intent to apply for Survey and Planning Funds. Louise Tremblay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BBFC:

Chairman Paquin explained, the Beaver Brook Farm committee is reviewing proposals for the Master Plan. There has been a contract that hasn't been finalized yet to bring on a consultant to help with some of the Master Plan work that's going to be done.

Mr. Paquin explained, he didn't interview her but Warren Shaw, Jim Duggan and Andy Graham met her out at the Beaver Brook Farm and pointed out some of the features of the Farm. She also had some ideas of what could be done there. They offered her a contract.

Mr. Paquin doesn't think that contract was executed because that was on Monday and Mr. Duggan resigned on Wednesday. The Beaver Brook Committee voted to have the current Town Manager approve it. This will stimulate a lot of movement on all the projects.

Mr. Paquin stated, he doesn't know who she, so he can't offer the Commission her name, but he understands that she has a lot to do with the operations of the Tuscan Kitchen in Salem, NH and some of the new Rockingham features that they are doing out there.

Old Business:

Chairman Paquin stated, he will let the Board of Selectmen know about Mr. Kohanski's resignation in a couple of weeks. Mr. Paquin explained he wants to make sure everyone's in place after what happened this week with the Town Managers resignation.

Treasures Report

Ms. Tremblay stated the accounting office explained to her, the Treasures Reports are printed at the end of each month. She will bring Septembers to the next meeting.

Bills:

Ms. Tremblay read the bills that were paid by the accounting office. The only bill that has to be ratified at this meeting is the Landscaping bill.

Ryan R Gagne Landscaping - \$120.00

Henri Marchand made a motion to ratify the payment of the bills Marc Gosselin seconded the motion the motion passed.

Ms. Tremblay stated now that Mr. Kohanski is no longer taking care of picking up the bills, the accounting office has changed the billing address to the Town Hall so they will get the bills right away instead of going to the Historical building first. This way they will pay them a cordially and give Ms. Tremblay a stamped copy pf the ones paid.

Other bills that were paid by the accounting office.

National Grid – Gas – 23.07 & 27.38 Total \$50.45

National Grid – Electric -\$199.04

Other Business:

Chairman Paquin wanted to make the Commission aware they are going to talk to Town Government about the replacement

of the roof on Harmony Hall on the South side. That side takes the most weather. It was last done in 1994, almost 30 years ago. They are also going to be talking about the re-stripping the lines in the parking lot.

Mr. Paquin stated he talked to Mr. Piendak, the Treasurer of the Historic Society at Monday night's meeting about it. Mr. Paquin explained he's not sure how it will work. It could come out of Historical Commission funds because we were responsible for the maintenance of the building, or does that go to Capital Planning and they budget for it.

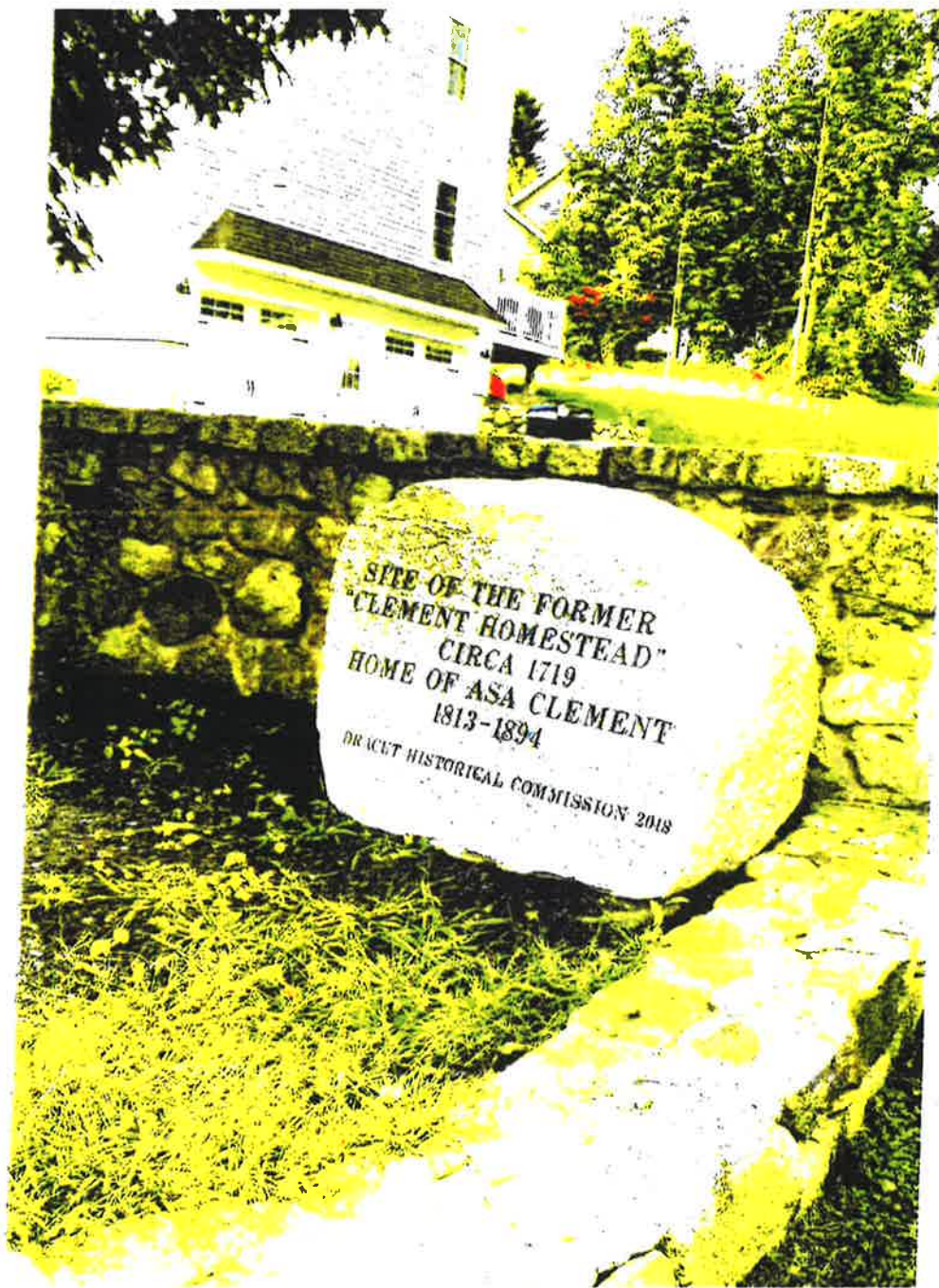
Mr. Paquin stated, he will be doing a presentation and put these two items on the upcoming budget and we will wait and see what happens.

Other Old Business

Chairman Paquin took pictures of the Clement Stone that has been placed to show the Commission. The Commission stated it looks great. (Shown on last page)

Next Meeting: November 20, 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.



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