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Westfield Historical Commission Meeting  
February 25, 2019 Minutes

Councilors Cindy Gaylord, Carly Bannish, Cindy Bronson, Ellen McEwan, and Amanda Goodheart Parks present. Councilor Debbie Oppermann absent.

Commissioner Gaylord called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Public Participation:**

Bob Bernadara of 50 Barrister Circle, longtime resident of Westfield, photographer and branding professional, shared his idea for a coffee table photo book of Westfield to promote the city. The book would be available as digital downloads and print copies. He would cover the costs of development and printing the books. Seeking subject matter experts for content and landmarks, possibly other photographers in the city to be featured. Councilor Goodheart Parks recommended reaching out to Joe Mitchell and Peter Miller in City Advancement.

Christian C. Carey, Architect, P.C. of Westfield, led a presentation regarding the exterior renovation of the Landlord Fowler Tavern. Others in attendance included Mike and Mike Tierney (property owners), as well as Michael O'Brien, Zeiter Saloomey, and Keith Modesto of Saloomey Construction as well as Don Schabacker of Pella Windows and Doors. This project has received some CPC funding.

Goal of the project is to upgrade the exterior of the property including a new entryway with artisan woodworking and original granite step, new composite siding, a new roof (with either asphalt shingles or a composite, slate like product), new energy efficient windows, and repointing the chimney in keeping with the historic character and value of the house. Carey et al wanted to present their plan to the Commission for our approval. A research trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art is potentially in the works to examine the original door. Councilor Goodheart Parks will look into her contacts in the museum community regarding this potential visit.

**Secretary's Report:**

Councilor Goodheart Parks submitted minutes from January 2019. Councilor Bronson made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilor McEwan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Councilor Bannish, Treasurer reported the following balances:

General Fund: \$3,329.00.

Historical Gift Account: \$15,009.42.

G/L Account: No report given from City Auditor this month.

Councilor Bannish shared the new format for the WHC account reports.

**Mail:**

The Routes 10/202 (Southwick Road) bridge over the Little River is scheduled to be replaced by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The WHC was asked to provide comments regarding historic properties that may be within or adjacent to the project area. The Commission did not feel the need to submit written comments and supports this project.

**Unfinished Business:****350th Committee Update:**

Councilor Gaylord shared an update regarding 350th activities including well-attended lectures, merchandise sales, and postcards from Westfield contest.

**Sign for Old Burying Ground Gate:**

Councilor Bannish took information about size and requirements for sign to be installed at Old Burying Ground.

**Tekoa Reservoir and Dam Update:**

Councilor Gaylord shared an update from Dave Billips, Director of Westfield DPW and Water Department, regarding this project. Mr. Billips stated this dam needs to be removed to restore public safety and the local ecosystem. Further comment can be given at an upcoming Water Commission meeting.

**Historic Pamphlet for 350th:**

Tabled due to Councilor Oppermann's absence.

**Fenton Leasing Beam:**

Councilor McEwan will reach out to Paul Liptak regarding the beam.

**New Business:****New Commissioner Suggestions:**

Councilor Gaylord brought up two potential candidates for the WHC.

**Float for 350th Parade:**

Councilor Gaylord shared idea for public schools/history parade float in the style of a canal boat. She also requested assistance with float design and construction.

**May 18-19, 2019 350th Activities:**

Oxen have been approved for marching in the parade by the Westfield city lawyer.

**Additional Items of Discussion:**

Councilor Goodheart Parks made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Bannish seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm .

Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 18, 2019; April 22, 2019; May 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Goodheart Parks, Ph.D.  
Secretary