

Minutes
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Council Chambers
7:00pm
Adopted March 11, 2010

Historical Commission Members Present: Russo, Melone, Steele, Loukas, Berg, Roach

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Public Present: See attached Sign-In Form

Russo chaired. The meeting opened at 7:00p.m.

1. **January Minutes - Approved**
2. **Informational – Arlington Street Cemetery Tree Damage**

Hayward reported that the Arlington Street Cemetery has many 200 year old stones. Recently a tree fell between two stones and barely missed damaging them. Hayward reported that the stones and crypts are aging and are in need of maintenance. He said that DPW does not have the expertise.

Russo volunteered to talk to Mt. Auburn about the maintenance of stones.

It was agreed to visit the site in April.

Joyce Kelly, Historical Society of Watertown, informed that the Historical Society has a book with the epitaphs of the stones, location map and list of the people interred there.

Hayward indicated that the cemetery is under the jurisdiction of the DPW and Gerry Mee must be kept informed and notified.

Steele inquired if Hayward was active in the tree planting at the cemetery. Hayward affirmed that he was and that he also responds to tree planting requests by citizens. He informed that a replacement tree would be planted for the lost tree.

3. **2010 Preservation Awards Ceremony**

Collins will contact the Commander's Mansion staff to reserve a date for the event.

4. **Old Business**

- a) **Watertown Outbuildings/Barn Initiative**

It was reported that 30 Rear Washburn barn had been condemned by the Building Dept.

On Friday, February 26, 2010, 2:30pm, the HC will meet in the Library's Local History Room to examine supporting documents to determine the age of a Watertown building. Collins will post.

b) 1630-1930 Watertown Historical Map

Loukas will meet with Hagop Framing to inquire about framing the associated historic documents for the 1930 Historical Map by Mary B. Hotz.

c) Shick House Property

Russo reported that there is an interested party for the Shick House.

5. New Business

Collins reported that the HC office was coordinating the submission of an application for the 2010 MHC Preservation Award for the Memorial to the Founders of Watertown Monument. Collins requested any information regarding the project. Kelly will provide the HSW's information on the project. Russo indicated there was the statue was in the local inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

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