
Southbridge Historical Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, February 21st, 2008 in the Recreation Room, Town Hall.

Present: Keith T. Vezeau, Evelyn A. Petrelli, Helen I. Lenti and Margaret Morrissey

Visitor: Michael Loin, Bertin Engineering

Excused: Peter Preble, Robert Tremblay

Meeting started at 7.03 pm and was chaired by Margaret Morrissey.

Minutes were not available for reading. Will be read at the next meeting.

Finances:

Treasurer's report indicates that the Historical Commission has \$750 in its account. Two invoices were presented by Dick's Hardware for the hardware to hang the framed historical photographs at Town Hall.

\$95.70

\$ 2.99

Keith Vezeau proposed

Evelyn Petrelli seconded that the voucher be paid.

Letter of Support.

A letter of support was requested by Sandy Acly of the Economic Development Department for the Memorial Hall, 319 Main Street Project. Sandy sent a draft and it was slightly modified by the Chairperson. See attached. Approval to send in support of the project and the whole Department of Housing and Community Development was given.

Signage:

Commissioners cited a list of many new illegal signs have been placed in the Centre Village district. A suggestion to allow Historical Commissioners to issue tickets would have to be approved by a bylaw change.

Nick Tortis to be invited to the next meeting of the Commission March 20th to discuss the widespread violations.

Sign application received from Village Photo who is soon to re-locate to the former Tots To Teens building on Main Street at the corner of Goddard.

Proposed Evelyn Petrelli
Seconded Helen Lenti

Approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Letter from Cassandra Acly, Director Economic Development requesting copies of the inventory sheets from the:

Inventory of the cultural resources of Southbridge, Massachusetts

Woodford, Eileen, 1955-

Published in manuscript format in 1984.

Margaret Morrissey will send copies to Ms. Acly using the Jacob Edwards Library copy as the file copy is missing pages # 216, 217 and 218, the ones pertaining to the American Optical Campus.

Time of Meeting:

The commission decided to hold its meetings at 6 p.m. from heretofore.

Vacancy on Commission:

Members of the Commission are to try and recruit for the vacant position on the Commission.

Congratulations were passed to Keith Vezeau on the completion of his oral history project with Veteran Civil Air Patrol officer.

Additional congratulations were passed to Keith on his recent engagement to MaryBeth O'Connor.

Motion to adjourn was passed at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held on **Thursday, March 20th, 2008 at 6 p.m. Please note the new time.**

Submitted by Margaret Morrissey