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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

Members in attendance: Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Annmarie Fontecchio, Paul Russell, Sheila Dubrawski

Members absent: Isabel Nulter

Others in attendance: Justin Tucker, Secretary; Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development

Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission co-chair Cher Hamilton at 7:11 p.m.

1. Demolition Applications to consider - None as of March 20th.
2. Review and vote: Minutes from January 28, 2026 and February 25, 2026 - **On a motion made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Historical Commission voted 5-0-0 to approve the January 28th and February 25th minutes with revisions.**
3. Reports: Treasurer's Report – Ms. Fontecchio reported the balance remains at \$2200.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – Mr. Russell reported there was a closed meeting to discuss the purchase of the Winthrop Street property (Briggs farm).

4. Project Updates (Old Business)
 - a. Local Historic Districts – Discuss next steps including Local Historic District Study Committee make-up.

Ms. Saint Andre heard back from the Select Board, which received two suggested nominees from the Local Realtor's Association. There was a small problem with reaching out to the local architects' Board, so they sent another notice and the 30-day window is open again. There has been no word from the Historical Society. Ms. Dubrawski reported that there was one volunteer interested from the Historical Society, but they need two nominees, so she'll bring it up again. Ms. Saint Andre reported that a resident whose property is under consideration can be appointed to the committee, but they would have to disclose this to the Select Board, which could then approve their appointment. Ms. Saint Andre recommended reaching out to interested homeowners. She stated that appointing members to this committee could be added to the May 4th SB meeting agenda, so

between now and then, interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.

- b. Signs – (Ms. Fontecchio and Ms. Nulter)
The Village Church and Thayer Homeplace signs have been delivered, and Mr. Pelletier (Dept. of Public Works) informed Ms. Fontecchio they will be installed once the weather is better. Ms. Fontecchio stated she has contacted Gary from the Village Church who went to the Oakland Cemetery committee meeting, and they approved placing a sign at the cemetery. Ms. Fontecchio stated she'd like to go to one of their future meetings. She reported she has started researching both Oakland and Evergreen cemeteries. Ms. Dubrawski will help.
 - c. Digitizing Town records –
Ms. Dubrawski reported she spoke with the new IT person, Dominic Padula, at Town Hall and they have a plan to begin digitizing the Town records. Ms. Dubrawski stated she will check in with them and see what progress they've made.
 - d. Portrait restorations – Jacob Ide and Milton Holbrook Sanford
The Historical Commission reviewed the estimates from Delin McElroy Conservators. The Commission discussed paying for removal of the paintings from the frames for restoration. Ms. Dubrawski will ask if they have any suggestions or recommendations for cleaning and/or restoring the frames. Ms. Saint Andre stated they need to bring the restoration project to the Select Board. Ms. Dubrawski will try to get the information about the frames before the next Select Board meeting so the Commission can bring this item in front of the Board.
 - e. Discuss status of repair of Rabbit Hill Historic District Signs
Ms. Dubrawski stated Pete Pelletier, DPW Director, dropped them off in Holliston to be fixed.
5. New Business
- a. The Commission needs one more member. - Ms. Nulter has notified the Commission that she is not asking for reappointment when her term ends. The Commission will then need two more members.
 - b. The Commission discussed a sign for the First Meeting House as the stone marker can't be read.

6. Any other business that may lawfully come before the Commission

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dubrawski, seconded by Ms. Fontecchio at 7:50 p.m. and was approved by all.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 22, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Tucker, Secretary