

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**  
**Historical Commission Meeting**  
**Richard R. Carney Municipal Office Building**  
**100 Maple Ave. Shrewsbury, MA**  
Remote Meeting

**Thursday, January 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Paul Schwab, Chair, Ms. Melissa McKenna, Vice-Chair, Ms. Gail Aslanian, Secretary, Mr. David Chiampa, Commissioner, Ms. Erin Howard, Commissioner, Mr. Kevin Samara, Commissioner

Chairman Schwab read the statement of procedures concerning suspension of the Open Meeting Law and in person gathering. Roll call attendance was taken and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Preliminaries:**

1. **Approve Minutes of December 2, 2021** A motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes and were unanimously approved into record.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Board of Selectman Meeting:** The Historical Commission , represented by Paul Schwab and Erin Howard gave a presentation to the Board of Selectman regarding the Historic Resources Inventory findings at the December 21, 2021 BOS meeting . Mr. Gerald Sullivan and Mr. .Joseph Metrano of SSV Architects gave a PowerPoint presentation and questions were fielded by the selectman. BOS Chair, John Samia asked how long it would take to get the narrative portion of the forms completed. Response was that it could take 2 years to complete them all and that the Historical Commission would prioritize and be working on that aspect.

Paul S. suggested that we each take a couple properties a month and work on the narratives. Melissa will draft a letter and survey to send to homeowners as we work on narratives for information they may be able to supply.

Narratives consist of any bibliographical info pertinent to the property and its inhabitants.

Melissa asked if Gerry Sullivan will still be involved with the inventory and continue the work started. Although SSV Architects completed what they were asked to do there are still gaps which need to be completed so that the properties can be put on the MACRIS data base.

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Kevin S. does not believe that the narrative is needed to place forms on MACRIS so the Commission will reach out to the Massachusetts Historical Commission as to what the proper Form B format and procedure is to place properties on MACRIS since that seems to have changed from last doing it.

**Other Business:**

Paul S. reported that the metal detecting group from Boston did come to Shrewsbury to check a few sites and found an old coin on their search. The coin was given to the homeowner.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Aslanian  
Secretary