

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

Thursday, March 3, 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, Ms. Kathleen McSweeney, Guest

Preliminaries:

1. **Approve Minutes of February 10, 2022.** A motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes and were unanimously approved into record.

New Business:

1. **Community Preservation Presentation :** Gail Aslanian and Kathleen McSweeney gave a presentation on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and what is currently being done by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The CPC is in the process of drafting a Preservation Plan and is seeking comments from town boards and commissions as well as the public as to what they see as current town resources and needs. It was generally felt by the Historical Commission that an immediate need was the restoration of gravestones in the historic section of Mountainview Cemetery. It was noted by Melissa that better walking paths were needed at Dean Park so people did not have to walk in the roadway as well as more benches. Additional Historic preservation needs were noted as:

- Continue updating the historic inventory
- Identification of historic sites throughout town/historic markers
- No. 5 Schoolhouse ADA compliant
- Preserve films, slides, photos; Shrewsbury Media Connection
- Preserve town documents and artifacts in climate controlled environment/ Town Hall and Library
- Preservation of existing water mill remains
- Identify what Historical Society has that should be conserved.
- Inventory of historic stone walls and scenic roads within town
- Inventory of historic landscapes, trees etc.
- Development of a Preservation Plan
- Repair, restore, replicate damaged grave markers in old section of Mountain View Cemetery
- Demolition pause or delay for possible CPA intervention

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2. Creation of Inventory Sub-Committees: Paul suggested that we form sub-committees to work on finishing the historical narrative portion of the Inventory. It was generally agreed that there should be consistency in the narratives and we should use the same method of research. Paul agreed to give a tutorial to the group at the April meeting on his research model. Use of on-line resources as well as maps will be demonstrated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Aslanian
Secretary