

Shrewsbury Historic District Commission

August 27, 2020 4:00 via Google Meet

Attendees: Kelly Barner, Nancy Burnett, Valerie Clemmey, Kristine Gustafson, Melanie Petrucci, Allyn Taylor, Jim Smith

Allyn opened the meeting with a statement from the Governor's Office regarding meeting held remotely

3. Re-organize the Historic District Commission:

Kristine Gustafson was elected Chair, Melanie Petrucci was elected Vice-Chair, Nancy Burnett was elected Secretary. All elections were unanimous. The meeting was then turned over to Kristine.

1. Minutes from the June 25th meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Welcome Kelly Barner as new HDC appointee

4. Act on Certificate of Appropriateness for 10 Prospect Street: Paul Little owner of the Slocum House was not present and this agenda item was tabled.

5. Ward Monument and Gates – Update and status report on project to preserve signage and monument history – plaque status and location:

Allyn reported that he met with Paula Lupton who would be meeting with representatives from Harvard University in September regarding funding for the plaques. Nancy reported the subcommittee had opted to post the signage on three 2 foot square plaques. The layout and estimate were emailed to commission members prior to this meeting. There is no mention of "Ward Family Monument" or "E W S N" sides on the plaques and there was a discussion if this was needed. Although it may be obvious to us that the plaques show the wording on the monument, will a visitor 50 years from now know this? It was decided that Allyn, Jim and Nancy would meet and decide on the final wording.

6. Updated HDC brochure and website: Kristine continues to work on this and will update us in early spring when it's closer to completion.

7. Wayfinding Committee and Town Center Association updates:

The Wayfinding Committee has as selected a final design for signage in town center. They are now seeking funding for this. STCA has met throughout the summer. They are a nonprofit and bylaws have been approved. Next will be a membership drive. Unsure if The Yuletide Market will take place. Decision will be made around October 1. The Light the Common will go forward and the STCA is raising funds for additional lights/ They seek donations of \$10/person. There will be opportunities to adopt or light a tree, \$500-\$750.

8. Other business/next meeting date/ adjourn:

A subcommittee of Kristine, Melanie and Nancy was formed to research signage in the Historic District and determine when a COA is needed.

A question on the system for COAs and how we would know if one has been filed. Kristine will report back to the committee what she learns about this

Next meeting Thursday September 24 4:00.

We adjourned at 4:48

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Burnett