

WOODSTOCK HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 23, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order in Meeting Room B of Town Hall at 7:03 P.M. by M. Stachiw. Other Commission members attending were K. Heitert, T. Chase, D. Froehlich, J. McClellan, and L. Smith
2. Designation of Alternates: None required.
3. Review of Minutes: Minutes of September 25, 2017, were reviewed and revised to change "Frank Olaf" to "Frank Olah" under Public Comment; to reflect that T. Chase, not J. Bartolomei, spoke with Steve Etzel under New Business; and to correct the spelling of Bradford Marcy Cemetery under New Business. Revisions were approved on a motion by J. McClellan, seconded by L. Smith, and unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment: Representatives from the Quasset Cemetery (Brain Sheldon, president, and Mike Deyorio, vice president), Central Cemetery (Ernie and Peggy St. Jean, Ginny Sears), and Woodstock Hill Cemetery (Frank Olah) in attendance to get more information about the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery documentation project and its usefulness to their properties. M. Stachiw explained the research and preservation goals of the project, and the various funding sources available to the cemetery associations depending on their tax and ownership status. Quasset and Woodstock Hill reps were very interested; Ernie St. Jean from Central Cemetery was very hostile to the project and was concerned that it was an attempt by the town to take over the cemetery. M. Stachiw explained that absolutely is not the purpose of the documentation project, but rather a means to provide the cemetery associations with the tools to preserve their resources. Ginny Sears from Central Cemetery was much more receptive to the project, and asked about funding opportunities available as part of tax exempt status.
5. Correspondence: Letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation urging concerned citizens to write to their state representatives to preserve and protect National Monument designations.
6. Old Business: Option of formatting Bradford-Marcy Cemetery proposal into a State Register inventory form was discussed; M. Stachiw was concerned it might confuse the issue regarding the intent of the submittal to the Board of Selectmen. Proposal to designate Bradford Marcy a local historic property will be submitted in its original format as reviewed and approved at the September 25, 2017, meeting.
7. New Business: D. Froehlich mentioned that documentation of the Barlow Cemetery has been started by Peter Ellsworth. J. McClellan said she would follow up with Ellsworth to make sure he is aware of the documentation protocols established as part of the Bradford Marcy project so that the data can be easily migrated onto the town website when complete.
8. Adjournment at 8:21 PM on motion by T. Chase, seconded by L. Smith, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Heitert, Clerk

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Historic Properties Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/revisions/amendments.