

FHC Meeting Minutes 5/9/2023

Members present: Mary Brown, Travis Bowie, Osee Mallio, S.Chandler, Jackie Petrouski

- I. Correspondence: Mass Historical Commission's new list of Historic Places has been received.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Due to the condition of the Assonet Pathway which makes it difficult for most pedestrians to navigate it, FHC members had agreed at the meeting held on 11/9/2022 that the Information Panel for the Assonet Pathway should be placed at the beginning of the path. The FHC has not received any updates on the panel placement. Later in the meeting Michael McCue happened to be at the Town Hall and members asked if he had any info on the path maintenance. He mentioned that he had walked on the path and the condition had not changed. He noticed that the Information Panel had been installed at the site of the Ice House foundation which is at the inner end of the path, the farthest point from the roadside. The FHC will contact Jeanne Fox regarding the panel placement.
 - B. There was discussion regarding the painting of the schoolhouse. We should have enough in the Village Schoolhouse account to cover the cost of painting both the exterior and interior of the windows. Dick Goodwin, a carpenter who has worked on various historic homes in the area, has provided an estimate (hourly).
 - C. Mary will be calling Beaver tree maintenance to get an estimate for arbor work on the 2 trees in front of the bandstand. The electrical work to be done at the bandstand will be addressed after this year's Strawberry Festival has been held there.
 - D. Mary would like to create a sub-committee to verify the accuracy of the various Historic District signs before submitting them to be made. Also, it is a goal to purchase the signs to designate the Historic Districts prior to 6/30 so they may be included in this year's budget. Members were asked to collect photos of examples of Historic District marker signs for the next meeting.
- III. New Business
 - A. RE #4 South Main St – In the last meeting members were asked to look for guidelines for preservation restriction. Since that time Mary has contacted Mr. James Soule, the president of the Fall River Preservation Society. His knowledge of preserving older buildings will be a good resource.
 - B. Town Hall windows. It will take some research to determine the original window trim color. Chandler will do some research in that regard. The FHC would like to roll over the money to next year's spending.

The meeting ended at 5:30.

The next meeting will be held on 6/13/2023 at the Town Hall, first floor hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Petrouski, FHC Secretary

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