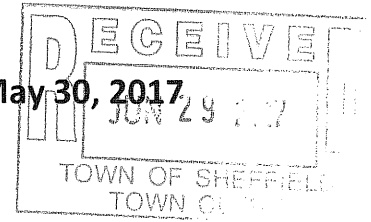


Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting of May 30, 2017

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair, Michael King, Catherine Miller, Gay Tucker, Jeffrey Waingrow

Absent: Kathy Orlando

Also: Brad Simon



The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm. The Chair indicated that there was an omission in the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2017, namely that he had agreed to pursue with the Town Administrator a lockable four drawer file cabinet and space in which to place it. The minutes were corrected.

It was reported that such a cabinet is available, although not lockable and that it will fit in the room on the second floor with the cabinets of other commissions and committees. Michael King and Brad Simon agreed to pursue the purchase a suitable camera for Commission us, rather than depending upon the personal equipment of Commission members. In addition a lockable box will be procured in which to store the camera.

The purpose of the meeting was to focus on the activities of the Commission for 2017-2018.

1. Identify additional structures for registration with the Mass. Historical Commission and complete the necessary paper work for submission. To the end, the Chair will forward to all Commission members the MACRIS listing of structures in Sheffield/Ashley Falls. Commission members are asked to identify one (1) which they will develop. The next meeting of the Commission (June 27) will be devoted to completing as much information as possible on each. Gay Tucker will oversee and then submit to Boston for review.

In the interim Catherine Miller will check with Kathy Orlando as to the whereabouts of the photos of properties that were taken in the last two years and arrange to have them printed for the existing records.

2. Identify an area(s) of historical importance such as the Lime Kiln on Lime Kiln Road and work to preserve further deterioration and make its significance known to others
3. Consider exploration of ceremonial stone landscapes (burial grounds of Native Americans.). Dennis Sears heard a presentation by a Native American connected with the Narragansett Indians and is interested in furthering his understanding and perhaps that of the Historical Commission on the subject in this area.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm to complete the Form B's on the property each Commission member has identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B. Miller, Clerk