

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting May 4, 2018

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Michael King, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orlando, Brad Simon

Absent: Jeffrey Waingrow

Also: Lynn Wood of Historical House Research

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded (King/Simon) it was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2018 as presented. (4-0-0)

Historical Register Projects:

Lime Kiln Project

Lynn Wood reviewed her research of the history of the lime kiln property on Lime Kiln Road in Sheffield. The material, contained in a binder included extensive research illustrated by deeds, maps, advertisements and a CD from the Library of Congress showing the physical characteristics of the various deposits of lime in the southern Berkshire area. The work covered 1903 to 2018. The Commission requested that Lynn take the deed research back to 1850, if possible.

The professional service and material fee was \$722. On a motion duly made and seconded (King/Orlando), it was voted to request payment from the Commission's budget by the Town. (5-0-0)

CSL

No new information at this date.

Form B Completion

Brad Simon shared the materials for the Form B that he had completed on the double chamber smokehouse at the Sheffield Historical Society. These will be filed with the Mass Historical Commission, the Sheffield Historical Society and the Bushnell Sage Library. A copy will also be placed in the Commission's file in the Town Hall.

Housatonic Heritage Board

Kathy Orlando reported that the Board was very enthusiastic about the report Michael King provided regarding the Lime Kiln Project. While funds are not available at present, Kathy reported that the Board would be open to a request in the future should the Commission have a project that would be appropriate.

Letters Regarding Lime Kiln Project

Michael King shared drafts of two letters he had written, one to the Board of the Upper Housatonic Heritage Foundation, and one to the National Parks/Appalachian Trail Conference, the former being a thank you for interest and support and the latter regarding the potential risks to the site during tree

removal. It was agreed that the Chair would forward both to Catherine Miller for some editing and then further review by the Commission.

Other

Michael King reported that the video work of the site is in process and that the video of Art Batacchi, Sr. regarding the lime kilns will be done this next week. Further, Michael King is arranging for a drone video of the site at his own expense.

The Chair confirmed terms of office for each of the Commission members:

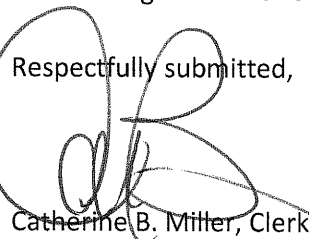
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Kathy Orlando	June 30, 2019
Michael King	June 30, 2020
Brad Simon	June 30, 2020

Dennis Sears indicated that he will file to be re-appointed, but will not continue as Chair. Catherine Miller indicated that she was uncertain about filing for re-appointment.

Next Meeting June 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CBM', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,' and extends upwards and to the right, crossing over the 'Next Meeting' line.

Catherine B. Miller, Clerk