



Lancaster Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2023
Prescott Building 2nd floor

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

Present: Amy Brown; Judy Elwell; John (Sandy) Foster; Marcia Jakubowicz; Mark Schryver; and Karen Silverthorn Absent: Jean Watson

Visitors: Kendra Dickinson; Linnea Servey; Jason Allison; and Martha Moore

No minutes were taken at previous meeting.

Date set for next meeting: Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 7PM Prescott Building 2nd floor

Select Board member, Jason Allison was recognized. He will be the liaison with the Select Board. There are plans to work with Joe Mule' and Kate Hodges in the future. Allison will check to determine that all LHS items have been moved into the Exhibit Room for easy removal by the Lancaster Historical Society. He will also check to see if LHC items can be displayed in other spaces and offices in the building. There is a question of insurance coverage also. Marcia requested that LHC be given 2 keys to the office and distribution of keys to be done by co-chairs. Allison provided his email to all LHC members so that we can easily reach him when necessary. L. Servey asked if items from old town hall basement will be moved to Prescott Building. There are no plans for this at the moment but LHC members will visit that space in the future.

Co-chair report from M. Jakubowicz: She has been bundling doll furniture and preparing doll houses for storage. Meeting on Tuesday mornings and plans to continue.

Co-chair report from K. Silverthorn: She has helped a little with packing up puppets meeting on Tuesday mornings for team building, etc. She thanked Kate Hodges who recommended a webinar on running municipal meetings, which Silverthorn participated in on November 15. She met with Win Clark regarding CPA and helped set him up with Amy Brown, LHC Vice-Chair who will assist with the CPA-funded project.

CPA Representative: J. Elwell made a motion to appoint Amy Brown as CPA Representative. Seconded by S. Foster. Passed unanimously.

Silverthorn read an LHC document that was an agreement made between former Lancaster Historical Society President Michael Sczerzen and Lancaster Historical Commission Vice-Chair person Heather Lennon, placing all Society items on permanent loan with the Commission in the Prescott Building. Silverthorn indicated the need to have items de-accessioned and removed from the Prescott Building by the Society. Some discussion followed with a motion to de-accession items by S. Foster, seconded by M. Jakubowicz and passed unanimously.

LHC Vice-Chair A. Brown spoke to CPA project at Middle Cemetery. She met with Win Clark and Kate Hodges. The feasibility study contract has been approved. There are 1,100 stones in cemetery with 540 in need of repair. Other cemeteries in town need to be put on the historic register as well so that we are able to use CPA funds in the future. L. Servey spoke to the fact that CPA funds can be banked or held over from year to year to help fund projects that are more than \$20,000.

LHC office hours will be Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and by appointment. Silverthorn will advise the Town Clerk so that the website hours will reflect the time correctly. J. Allison will ask that the Select Board put all LHC members on the LHC email distribution list.

LHC members will visit Lancaster's town departments beginning at 10:00 a.m. December 19 so that we can introduce ourselves and meet Lancaster town staff. We will be giving out candy canes and perhaps cards with fun facts. We might ask staff about displaying of LHC items in other departments and offices.

The LHC Annual Holiday luncheon will follow our visit to the departments on December 19.

As Jean Watson has moved and has resigned verbally, Silverthorn suggested there be a vote next meeting to add Ann Fuller as associate member. The Town Clerk will post the vacancy.

Commission member comments: Question of where Boston Post Cane is and what is being done with it. Cane is in Kate's office. Members indicated desire to revisit giving out the cane to Lancaster's oldest citizen. This is a possible goal for next year. There are miniature Boston Cane pins available too. M. Jakubowicz will check into this and find out who Lancaster's oldest resident is.

Silverthorn will have the Town Clerk remove the notice that we meet on ZOOM from the website because all LHC meetings are now in person.

Review action items: Silverthorn to send J. Allison's email to members, advise Town Clerk of office hours, provide LHC member emails to J. Allison who will arrange for an LHC email distribution list. Silverthorn will help provide candy canes and a blurb featuring Lancaster history to be given for town departments during our holiday visit.

M. Jakubowicz to investigate Boston Post Cane, follow up on office keys.

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m. S. Foster moved, M. Jakubowicz seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Elwell, Secretary

Minutes approved Dec. 27, 2023 at monthly meeting

Marcia Jakubowicz, LHC Co-Chair

Karen Silverthorn, LHC Co-Chair

Amy Brown, LHC Vice Chair