

**Lancaster Historical Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2024**  
**Prescott Building 2nd Floor**



Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Present: Amy Brown, Judy Elwell, John (Sandy) Foster, Mark Schryver, John Murphy, Ann Fuller

Visitors: Jason Allison, Martha Moore, Kendra Dickinson

**Chair:** As Karen Silverthorn has resigned as co-chair and Marcia Jakubowicz has resigned as of February 29, 2024, it was necessary to choose a new chair. Amy Brown was nominated by Judy and seconded by Mark. Vote to approve was unanimous. A decision was made not to fill the Vice Chair position which Amy will vacate. As there are now 3 vacancies on the Commission, Kendra Dickinson was nominated, by John Murphy, to fill one vacancy as a Member At Large. Nomination was moved by Judy and seconded by John, vote in favor was unanimous. Kendra then shared some of her wishes regarding the Commission and her interest in Lancaster history and the importance for bringing young people in to learn. A motion was made by Amy to move John to Member At Large. Motion seconded by Judy and vote in favor was unanimous.

**Minutes:** Minutes of January 24 meeting were presented. Mark expressed concern that information about Past Perfect needs to be followed up on. It will be added to next month's agenda for future discussion. Minutes accepted as amended

**Date for next meeting:** March 27, 2024

**WayFinding Project:** Consultant is working on improving signage. Potential for 4H members from Worcester to help by creating GPS locators for signs

**Old Business:**

- a. Surplus copies of "The Lancastrian Towns". Kate has "surplussed" the books so they are now available for town staff and volunteers. Amy will ask Kate about giving them to schools
- b. Annual Report – need to change Amy's designation to Chair. Some discussion of addresses for historic buildings now being worked on. Addresses added are 217 and 219 Main Street and 197 South Main Street. Approval with changes made by Sandy and seconded by Judy, unanimous approval.
- c. Voted to not renew membership in AASLH

**Cemetery Project:**

Discussion of work that has been done in Middle Cemetery. 2 trees need to be taken down but work has stopped. Jason to ask Kate if work can continue. We need to decide what we want done and bring it to Kate for potential action. Motion approved to have Amy talk with Kate regarding tree removal process and report back to Commission

Action on LHC files – question of moving people related files to Library special collection. Select Board (Jason) says the files are Commission property. Mark moved to have Commission offer the people

related files to the Library beginning with files in the main room. Motion was agreed to. Work on Tuesday morning to begin to review files and determine which ones would be send to the Library.

Move to adjourn make by Sandy, seconded by Mark was unanimously approved at 8:25pm

Submitted

Judy Elwell, Secretary