

East Providence Historic District Commission Agenda
July 13, 2022, 7:00 pm

1) Call to order: 7:01 1st Deb, 2nd Eric

In attendance: Deb Ormerod, Nancy Moore, Eric Underhill, Tom Wazeka, Patrick Hanner, Planning Department

2) Approval of June minutes: 1st Eric, 2nd Tom

3) New Business

- a) Veteran's Memorial Parkway: Jeff Emity - made contact with DEM Director Terry Grey - looking at nomination to National Park Service; Jeff provided additional info to DEM per their request; actively considering recommendation
- b) Discussion of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary - continuing discussion; will continue discussion; would like more new members and then finalize roles; D Ormerod acting Chair and continuing as Secretary
- c) Friends of Newman Church Cemetery: P Hanner talked with City Solicitor and Bill Fazoli; need organization to take on the "lead role" - possibly HDC; discussion needs to continue with City; P Hanner will share document with HDC members a journal of compilation of articles documenting the history of the cemetery
- d) Recruitment of new members: recruitment attempt posted on Facebook page - no response; will continue to advertise

4) Other Business

- a) Hunts Mills Bridge: work continues; bridge will be closed on July 22 to end of calendar year; RIDOT offered tiles to Historical Society -D Ormerod will make appointment to pick them up; bridge was historically significant -design was used for other bridges; Planning Dept contacted DOT about pedestrian crosswalk across Pleasant Street
- b) Union Primary: David Sisson- bought from City; oil tank removed at back of property by City per agreement; closing scheduled for end of July; new owner is committed to preserving the look of the outside of the building
- c) Odd Fellow: no update; City disappointed at lack of progress
- d) Rifle Range: moving forward with soil remediation; all plantings will be replaced; ball fields will stay open
- e) P Hanner waiting to hear if grant for signage project is approved

5. Next meeting: September 14, 2022

6) Adjournment: 7:36; 1st Deb; 2nd Eric