

East Providence Historic District Commission Agenda
September 14, 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: ZOOM mtg was held 9/15 - Nancy M had planned to attend - had technology issues; Terry Grey - original 1991 info stands, need aerials of area and photographs; will pursue grant money to for this and resubmit in Spring 2023 with additional info; grant application released in Dec - would need to hire preservation consultant
- b) Interpretive sign at Hunt's Mills: looks to be vandalized; need new one; Ned Connor was invited to HDC mtg by Nancy M to discuss text on signs - did not attend; there are 4 extra signs that were purchased when originals were purchased; Patrick will look at all signs on the property to see what needs to be replaced; Patrick provided history original project; Nancy provided history of Satinet Mill which was located where Pump HOUse is currently located; mill made "water resistance" fabric; original scale that weighed the bales is currently located in basement of Education Center; ths info could be added to sign; consider making a timeline of mills and other buildings at the site
- c) City wide signs: grant awarded from RI Commerce for \$36,000- need to spend by end of Dec - unrealistic timeline; need to hire consultant to research info; revise plan to include consultant and 4 signe and 4 QR code signe and master panel (to be located at Weaver) identifying where all signs will be located; David Weed has some text completed for RIng of the Green and Roger Williams Spring; RIng of the Green sign will be presented formally n Oct 2, 10:00 at Newman; Pokanoket representative will attend
- d) Little Neck Cemetery: group recently had a clean up; on social media group asked about supposed money in City budget for cemetery care; Patrick explained there had been some money donated yearly by a Veterans group - it provided a new flag and paint for the flagpole; City does not have line item for cemetery; City mows the grass; HDC will compose a letter to Mayor cautioning interested groups/individuals to use correct materials; will share guidelines that HDC members received at a gravestone workshop presented by Betty and Carl Mencucci; Nancy will investigate individual at Blackstone Heritage Corridor who could possibly host a workshop for proper cleaning of gravestones
- e) Discussion of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary - will keep this on agendas till new members are added

4) Other Business

- a) Partick displayed Bruce Remick's books reviewing the history of East Providence shores, hotels and Riverside; books are on sale at the East Providence Historical Society

5. Next meeting: October 12,2022

6) Adjournment: 8:07; 1st Deb; 2nd Eric