

East Providence Historic District Commission Agenda
October 9, 2024
145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914
Room 308, 6:30 pm

In attendance: Deb Ormerod, Eric Underhill, Tom Warzeck, Patrick Hanner- Planning Department

1. Call to order: 6:35-1st Deb, 2nd Eric
2. Correspondence
None
3. Approval of minutes
Minutes of September 11, 2024- 1st Eric, 2nd Tom
4. New Business
 - a. Update of Hunt's Mill pump house
 - i. Patrick plans to talk to architect tomorrow (Oct 10) to get update on plan; Patrick clarified funding currently available is for a concept design for Pump House- not for any construction costs; Patrick will clarify that information with the Mayor
 - b. Key to Historical Society for pump house
 - i. There will be no key available for the Board of Directors of the East Providence Historical Society at this time
 - c. Newman Cemetery condition assessment and maintenance plan
 - i. Project was granted an extension by State Preservation office till end of December
 - ii. Consultant reported his report is finished for the gravestones he inventoried
 - iii. Next step is preservation plan
 - iv. An RFP has been drafted and sent to Mayor for funds for stone repairs for \$50,000; mason with gravestone restoration will need to be hired; project could include shade trees, stone path, benches
 - v. Meeting is planned at Newman Cemetery for Oct 15, 11:30 with Mayor, Patrick, Sandra and Brian Turgeon, Dan Borges (Director of Public Works), Tony Vieira (Supervisor of Parks and Recreation)
 1. Agenda includes discussion about proper weed whacking against gravestones, maintenance on larger trees/bushes that are affecting some gravestones
 - vi. Sandra reports that Daughters of the American Revolution helped clean Revolutionary gravestones at Newman Cemetery on Oct 5

- vii. Plan is to have all the Revolutionary War gravestones cleaned and repaired as needed with biographies available for tour for the 250th year celebration in 2026
- viii. Mayor has expressed interest in Cemetery Commission; there is currently a Commission already created but there have been no members for many years

5. Other Business

- 1. Caleb Williams/ Samuel Brown house- no current plans
- 2. This Commission still has openings

6. Adjournment- 6:57, 1st Tom, 2nd Eric

Next Meeting: November 13, 2024