

East Providence Historic District Commission Minutes

August 13, 2025

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

- 1) Call to order: 6:36- 1st Deb, 2nd Eric
- 2) Correspondence - none
- 3) Approval of minutes: June 11, 2025
 - a) 1st Eric, 2nd Tom
- 4) New Business
 - a. Questions and issues raised by Keep Metacomet Green (discussion and potential of vote to submit a letter to a state agency)
 - i. HDC has written letter to DOT review board and Scenic Highways division- these agencies will notify HDC if any request for review or plans are submitted by developer
 - ii. HDC will write another letter to these agencies concerning any potential changes to Veteran's Memorial Parkway
 - iii. KMG- still looking for nomination to National Register; continue to be concerned about actual boundaries of Parkway
 - iv. 2015- nomination for National Register was started but never completed
 - b. Green Jacket Shoal
 - i. Nancy and Patrick met with Mayor 2 weeks ago; reviewed historical significance of the area
 - ii. Sept 15- Dave Robinson will present his study of the area at Tockwotton; will start by the water at 6:00 and presentation will begin at Tockwotton at 6:30
 - iii. Nomination to National Register was started but not completed; determination still needs to be made who owns the area and how far does that ownership extend from the shoreline- funding needed for title research
 - iv. HDC will write letter to Whitehouse and Reed to appeal for funding to remove non-historical items (i.e. barge)
 - v. State Preservation office accepts nominations to Historic Registry all year
 - c. Interpretive sign panels
 - i. Master panel needs to be fixed-large scuff marks and information about Crescent Park carousel needs to be corrected
5. Old Business
 - a. Status of Newman Cemetery grave marker repair

- i. all grave markers are complete; box tombs are in the process
- ii. TNT Gravestone Solutions will present their work at meeting in October

5) Other Business

- a) Cora Pierce (Pocasset tribe working for Narragansett Council) reached out to Historical Society concerned about archaeological survey at Metacommet; was referred to Patrick in Planning dept since historic graveyards have been addressed at HDC; Nancy M called Cora back; Patrick explained the state process that would be followed if any human remains are found during the survey

6) Next meeting: September 10, 2025

6) Adjournment: 7:38, 1st Nancy, 2nd Deb