East Providence Historic District Commission Agenda
June 11, 2025
145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914
Room 308, 6:30 pm

In attendance: Deb Ormerod, Eric Underhill, Tom Warzeck, Nancy Moore, Keith Brynes- Planning Department

1. Call to order: 6:33 -1st Eric, 2nd Tom

2. Correspondence
   none

3. Approval of minutes
   Minutes of May 14, 2025- 1st Eric, 2nd Tom

4. New Business
   a. Hunt's Mills: There has been some concern from some community members that the HDC has been given "control" over the Hunts Mills Heritage Park area, which includes the trails. To clarify, the HDC, nor the East Providence Historical Society, have been given control over the area, including the trails. At times, the HDC may act in an advisory capacity.
   b. Letter of support to the Congressional delegation to continue funding of the Historic Preservation Fund: it is recommended that a letter from the HDC be sent to East Providence senators and representatives to recommend funding be continued by the federal government

5. Old Business
   a. Status of Newman Cemetery grave marker repair: TNT Gravestone Solutions is ahead of schedule with approximately 20 stones and 2 tombs to be repaired; city has received 3rd invoice which have included before and after pictures; TNT has done some extra repairs not originally targeted at no cost; of the 147 Revolutionary War gravestones, many were in good shape; plans to block of the driveway to the historic part of the cemetery to prevent any car/truck usage - gravestones have been run over and damaged; Sandra Turgeon met with the Tree Commission to discuss sites for upcoming tree planting; appropriate species will be determined; Patrick Hanner (planning department) is looking into a grant to fund a walking path through the area with stone dust and benches; TNT is planning to hold a presentation for the Historical Society in October; still need a cemetery commission that would fall under the HDC

b. Interpretive signage for Crescent Park: RFP has been released from the City for consultant to create informational panels/signs for the Crescent Park area; need to identify if this project falls under HDC or Carousel Commission

c. Status of City wide interpretive signage: signs should be installed in the next few weeks

6. Other Business

Nancy M:

a. Where does the City stand on burying the power lines located in the Bold Point area - Mayor is in favor of it
b. Beech Tree for Library: Tree Commission asking if EP Historical Society wants trunk of tree that was cut off; asked if it could go to Hunts Mills- this should be determined by the EP Historical Society board
c. Sept 15- Dave Robinson will give a presentation about Green Jacket Shoal to be held at Tockwotton; will begin at Bold Point and then move to Tockwotten to finish presentation
d. Question of nomination of Green Jacket Shoal to the State Preservation: Keith reported that Mayor has not been in favor of this; Keith will find out if a nomination can be made form community or Board or Commission without the Mayor's signature; in 2017 when this was first brought up, RI Preservation said the area met all the criteria; questioning if there is jurisdiction under Blackstone Valley Heritage - Nancy will contact this group to determine if GJS is in that area; GJS does have CrMC protection that was established some time ago
e. Heather Andrade- Keep Metacomet Green (KMG): still attempting to get survey done of Veteran's Memorial Parkway; Heather reports that survey was done some time ago using topographical information; this needs to be done to move forward with nomination to be placed on the National Register of Historic places; Heather reported the Parkway meets all the criteria for National Scenic Byways nomination; road is already a RI Scenic Byway; unclear if RI Scenic Byway can make nomination to National Scenic Byway

6. Adjournment- 7:34 1st Tom, 2nd Eric

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025