

MONSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
110 Main Street, Small Meeting Room
Minutes of November 30, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

In Attendance: Dennis Swierad, Tamara Cabey, Mary Swierad

Absent: None

Guest: Evan Brassard, Town Administrator

1. A motion was made by Tamara and seconded by Mary to accept the minutes of August 29, 2017 as written. AIF
2. Evan Brassard updated the Historical Commission board about the following projects ongoing for Memorial Town Hall and property:

The original radiators have been restored and re-installed, the next step in that project is to purchase a new boiler.

Evan and Dan LaRoache, Town Planner have applied for a in kind matching grant to restore the WWI Minenwerfer Cannon that stands on the front lawn of Memorial Town Hall. If the town receives the grant, the in-kind portion would be funded with either CPC funds or gifts to the town funds depending on the timeline of the grant. Evan would like to see the cannon restored by November 2018 for the 100th anniversary of WWI.

The Cushman Fountain that is also on the front lawn of Memorial Town Hall and is in need of restoration. Several years ago, the lantern light that was on the top of the fountain was damaged by a tree falling on it, the damaged light was removed and put into storage. The Historical Commission and Evan will be working together to apply for a CPC grant in the spring of 2018 to restore the lantern light and to locate a suitable center glass orb that was originally part of the fountain.

Evan would like to hire an architect/consultant that is MA Historical Commission recommended to develop a plan that would list and prioritize future exterior/interior preservation projects for the Memorial Town Hall building. This would also be a spring CPC grant application project.

The board asked Evan about the status of the new drapery that is covering the stained-glass windows in the auditorium of Memorial Town Hall. He stated that he has not had time to address them. Evan was also asked about the status of removing the portrait painting the Arts Council put up in the front office room and replacing it with the appropriate portrait painting of Rice Munn Reynolds. He stated that he has not had time to address it.

The board asked Evan who he would recommend receive a letter from the Historical Commission board about never planting a large tree on the Memorial Town Hall grounds for reason of safety and visibility of the cannons, fountain and the building. It was suggested that we write to the Board of Selectmen.

3. The board began discussion about Deed Restrictions that would be attached to any historic preservation project that uses CPC funds. It was agreed that more research needs to be done. This will be an ongoing item on the agenda.
4. A motion was made by Tamara and seconded by Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. AIF

Submitted by,
Mary Swierad, clerk