**Clarksburg Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

October 6, 2020, 4:00 PM

Present: Jeanne Moulthrop, Edward Denault, Joseph Bushika, and Susan Brandon

Town Hall, Ketchum Memorial Meeting Room, open to public via virtual teleconference

Jeanne opened the meeting and presented the minutes from the September 8th meeting. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Joe seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted as written.

**Status of Historical Commission Office Space & Move**

Jeanne announced that the broken radiator cover in our room has been removed, repaired, and put back into place by Carlisle Chesbro. In the process, a section of carpet next to the radiator was pulled back to examine the subfloor; plywood was discovered beneath. Ed and Joe will check to see if the whole subfloor is plywood and we will explore options for replacing the carpet with something more appropriate.

Kyle Hurlbut purchased a gallon of paint from Carrr’s to cover the paneling on the walls. It was charged to our annual $500 budget account. Ed and Joe said that they would have time to paint the room on rainy days.

A Town computer that was going to be given to us was instead allocated to a Town staff member working from home because of COVID-19. Carlisle Chesbro told Jeanne that he has metal shelving that he would like to donate to us. We will wait until after we do the flooring before bringing it in.

**Clarksburg History Reprint Status**

Jeanne made a new flyer to advertise the reprint around town. It was also posted on the Town website. More reprints have sold. Our account now has $826.94, not including our yearly budgeted amount. We have only 30-40 copies left from the original 146 -148 copies. There is interest to write another town history book to continue where Ethel left off. We would like anyone interested to contribute his or her memories.

**Updates on Clarksburg Inventory - Where to Begin (Typewriter)**

Jeanne said that she was not able to procure a typewriter needed for completing the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission’s (BCRPC) inventory forms. She asked us how our research for the “Inventory of Historic Resources” had progressed. Ed, Joe and Susan shared the information they had found on the 22 historic buildings listed in the inventory. We had located all them, their current owners and some interesting historical features. We will continue to research these buildings on an ongoing basis. There are many other items that need our attention as we prepare our new room and sort through all the historic information that are stored in various locations throughout the town hall.

**Clark Cemetery Update**

Jeanne compiled information into a spiral binder of all the graves in the Clark Cemetery that Ed had painstakingly documented from the headstones. Ed had received a list of names of those buried in the cemetery from Steven Clark, a descendant. Some of the headstones are very worn and difficult to read; all but one, Ester Clark’s, have been located. Jeanne found some additional information on the website FindAGrave.com from a link that Susan had sent to her. This compilation includes names, family relationships, headstone epitaphs and location within the cemetery.

**Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Info**

This year our primary activity for MHC is identifying buildings of historic value to begin the process of getting them on the historical register. Jeanne handed out a packet of information for each of us to review. The packet included an email announcing the Fiscal year 2021 Survey and Planning Grant Round: Pre-Application.

No other business came before the commission.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 4 PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM