

BOYLSTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting – August 18, 2022

Present: Pat Bartram, Bruce Filgate, Nancy Filgate, & Judy Haynes. **Absent:** Judy and David Bottom.

Meeting called to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Bruce Filgate called the meeting to order at the Historic Town Hall and asked for approval of the July minutes. July minutes were read, seconded, and accepted.

Treasurer: Nancy advised we have the new budget year with \$13,200. Electric is expected to go up since fuel costs have escalated globally.

Update on Commission Projects:

-Master Plan Steering Committee: Nancy reported the Town Master Plan draft is available for review.

-Boylston Artifact Project: Intern Charlie Stille who was working on the object collection has completed his summer internship. Intern Patrick Flanagan continues scanning and adding data of the Photograph Collection into BSHM archival database. He plans to work weekends over the school year.

-Elmwood Place Historic Research Project: Judy H. found where Digital, one-time owner was told by MHC that the farm likely could qualify for the National Register as long as there had not been substantial changes, and if the town had done an inventory. The town has done an inventory, but MHC may require some updated information. We also await what the selectmen decide to do with the building: rent or sell.

-MACRIS spreadsheet has been completed on the old cemetery.

-Civil War Veterans Project in Pine Grove Cemetery: Pine Grove may need more veterans' markers.

-Boylston Cemetery Research Consortium: 497 outside contributions, 364 edits, added 376 photos and managed 3,748 memorials.

-BHC/BPL/BHSM Collaborative Civil War Veterans Research Project: Researchers may find a few more veterans to research and narratives to write up; then it will be printed.

- Roman Catholic Church History Project – history is underway. A Table of Contents, 71 pages are ready

-250th Anniversary of America's Independence Celebrations Project (2025-2026) We will meet with Selectmen to discuss if Boylston groups wish to sponsor events to celebrate event.

Reports & Collaboration:

- The Society/Commission/Library project has had "Early Families..." printed. Books made front page news in the local newspaper. The Public Library and Town Offices have copies available for the general public. Books are also available through the Historical Society. The Society awaits receipt of the Cultural Council grant payment.
- Nancy provided William Galvin's office with a copy of the town's incorporation papers providing the correct date for MHC.

- The Boylston Historical Society will have an October program with Gordon Hastings "Growing Up in Boylston." PR through COA, Library, Facebook & Neighbors Connect. Other programs are in the works.
- Hillside Restoration Project – Judy H. reported that a meeting will be held August 24 and 25. A "Mocktail Reception" will be held September 16, 5:30 – 7 p.m. The public is invited to hear the current plans for the Gough House.

Historic Town Hall operation & needs:

- Electrician needed for electric heat problems on 2nd floor. Awaiting repair persons/electricians.
- Bruce has contacted the Fire Department to help with tall ladders and ceiling light replacement. On hold until current display is dismantled.
- The building is monitored regularly for physical needs. It is in use again post-Covid.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Haynes, Secretary
Boylston Historical Commission