



Attleboro Historical Commission

Government Center – 77 Park Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts, 02703



Minutes – May 4, 2023

Held at Attleboro Public Library – 6:30 PM

Regular Members: Marian Wrightington (chair), Brian French (vice-chair), Bette Fuller, Jerry Turcotte

Alternate Members: Brian Hatch, Blake Reynolds, Kevin Smith, Len Yutkins

- Blake Reynolds acting as Regular Member in place of Jerry Raposa
- Kevin Smith acting as Regular Member in place of Rachel Killion
- Len Yutkins acting as Regular Member in place of Brian Ludwig

Guests: Heather Rockwood (Attleboro Cultural Council, MA Historical Society, Jewelry City Steampunk) and Chris Ladebauche (246 Park Street)

Meeting called to order by Brian French at 6:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2023. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Attleboro Historic Preservation Society – April 29th by Dr. Samuel Forman on the 1774 Solemn League and Covenant document was a huge Success. Next program on May 16th at AAIM, Carleton Legg presenting on Robinson (Foster) Building. June 10th is Saturday program, walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery.

Schoolhouse Conditions –

-**Muggsville:** repairs done except for sign and interior work.

-**District 17:** waiting to spray for ants when students are not around.

Planning and Zoning Notices – nothing new to report

Attleboro Land Trust – trying for grants for Robbins Park and Balfour Riverwalk. Planning an Art in the Park event.

Burial Grounds – winter is over.

OLD BUSINESS

Switch Tower – no new information to report

Depot Canopy – they will do designs in this summer.

PAL Report Update – finalized and given to Mayor DeSimone.

Historic Corridor (Newport Ave.) – still trying to promote Historical Society plaques.

Preservation Awards – May 25th at City Hall; Jay DiLisio will speak. Principal or Supt. Dave Sawyer will present George Leonard honorary diploma.

Evelyn Silva Gallery (Hill-Roberts Display) – moving along: Jerry will hang some temporary pictures. Jason Parenteau will do a plexiglass overlay.

Donations – copy of our donation letter was sent to City Council.

Meeting with Mayor – our quarterly meeting with Mayor DeSimone went well.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest – Chris Ladebauche of 246 Park Street visited to see what we knew about his property. We had a file but he already knew what we had.

Guest – Heather Rockwood, invited by Brian Hatch. She is with MA Historical Society, Jewelry City Steampunk and chairs the Attleboro Cultural Council. She feels we should build a coalition to support saving 135 County Street. Start a campaign to have people write letters to “save the building.”

Membership – still have an Alternate Member opening.

New Office – We are moving next door on the 4th floor of APL to a much larger space.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

Next Meeting – June 1, 2023 @ APL – 4th floor

Adjournment – 8:15 PM