



Office of

Historical Commission

Lawrence Memorial Hall
2 Jabish Street
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



Members present:

13 December 2016

Leslie Squires

Jill Bierly

Patrick Bierly

Alexander Loss

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1935.

Alex talked about the State School building that was used to house the Superintendent. The building is now owned by the Town of Belchertown. He said he talked to Gary Brougham who told him we can get the key to the house and go inside. Les has to get the key. Alex said Neal Jackson has land behind Ace Hardware and he can move the building there. The town wants to tear the house down. We talked about the town giving the house to Neal as he has the equipment to move the building and he has land fairly near-by to put it on. He could fix it up into a rent property. This way the house is saved and the town will get some tax money out of it.

Alex suggested we get some artifacts from Judy, the Stone House and the library and put them into in auditorium at Lawrence Memorial Hall, so people could see them.

We need to get in touch with the person working on our web site.

We talked about where the name "The Friendship Trail" came from. There was a competition between State School employees, not sure when – Holly Rainaud won the contest and named it. We would like to use it for the Historical Commission Trail(s). We also talked about where to start the trail if/when we get the grant funds. It seems most logical to start the trail near Lake Wallace / Folly Field. It would also be a good thought to consider starting the trail at the Lampson Brook Farm because it's lease is up for renewal from the State. So we need to know more the needs of the farm in order to keep its lease... How dire is the need. So we will add the farm to the next HC meeting.

We were informed they want to keep the power plant and the smoke stack.

Alex made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill. Motion passed 4 -0 -0.

Submitted by;

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Chairman