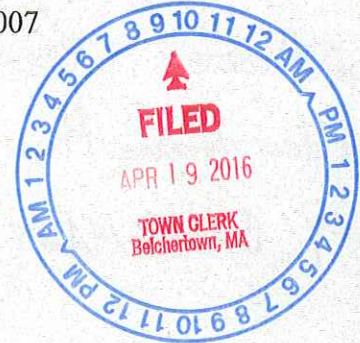




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Belchertown Historical Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2016 7:30 to 8:50 PM

Town Hall

Members present: Les Squires (chair), Richard Keating (secretary), Patrick Bierly, Judith Gillan, Jill Bierly, Alexander Loss

Members absent: Erika Hamilton, Maxine Oland

Ex Officio: Elizabeth Usherwood (graduate assistant UMass Amherst)

Guest: James Kelleher, Hampshire College, Belchertown Planning Board member

Chairman Squires called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Dudek Property Schoolhouse

After considerable discussion, a motion passed to allow Chairman Squires to draft a letter to both Bell Property Corporation of Russell and the Belchertown Historical Association indicating the Commission's support for access to the Schoolhouse and removal to the Stone House property. Chairman Squires indicated that Bell has pledged to incorporate barn siding in garden sheds for those homeowners that request them. The barn timbers have been claimed by a Great Barrington man.

Trail Construction Grant Activity

Jill reported on grant funding initiatives to date, and the prospects of a feasibility study.

Judy reminded us of the Department of Conservation and Resources grant per the suggestion of Dick O'Brien.

Liz volunteered to secure site maps via Doug Albertson, Town Planner.

Clock Tower on State School Auditorium

Guest James Kelleher revealed the existence of a Silas Howard clock, circa 1840 on the State School Administration Building. The committee resolved to contact MA Development and inquire about the possibility of preservation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Richard S. Keating, Secretary