

# Historical Commission

Town Hall- Room 1 Town Hall

**Monday, November 7, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m**

All meetings of the Historical Commission are recorded

**Location: Town Hall Meeting room 101**

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Date of this meeting: Nov 7, 2022

Meeting Notice: This meeting cannot be held according to Chapter 20, Acts of 2021 Hybrid Meetings

Until The Historical Commission has been provided with Zoom equipment it will continue to be recorded via Voice Tracer Digital Voice Recorder and then placed on the Town Web page after the meeting, the public is welcome.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

- Kirk Sanders
- Linda McQuade
- Mark Rankin

Chairman roll call attendance of Commission Members present for the meeting.

The scheduled meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Kirk Sanders at 7:00 p.m.

## **Public Comment & Guest**

Denise Muldrew subbing for Pat Odiorne from the Moore House- 49 Roberts Circle Agawam, Ma

Jeremiah Ferris North East Relic Hunters Metal Detecting- 110 Feeding Hills Rd Southwick, MA

## **Guest One**

Denise Muldrew subbing for Pat Odiorne from the Moore House- The Moore House is applying for CPA funding for renovations to maintain the envelope of the Moor House at the Southwick History Museum. The funds will be used for one horizontal timber post under the north attic window. Repairing in or replacing trim and clapboards as needed. Also, Priming and Painting the exterior of the building. The goal in asking for this funding is to maintain the structural integrity of the building and the prevention of water damage to the Circa 1751 Museum House and its contents. Along with preserving the attached home circa 1845 which provides rental housing. The funding requested is \$29,075.00. The Moore House has one bid for this work thus far, the Historical Commission at this time has suggested that they get two more bids to be in line with the Towns qualifications. The timeline for this project is to be finished by the end of

summer 2023. The Historical Commission explained the timely manner in which this application needs to be submitted to make the May 2023 meeting for proper evaluation and votes.

Linda McQuade made a **motion** to support the application for the Moore House/Southwick Historical Museum. Mark Rankin **seconded the motion**.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

- Kirk Sanders- Yes
- Linda McQuade- Yes
- Mark Rankin- Yes

Approval of previous minutes-Mark Rankin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 3rd, 2022 with corrections. Linda McQuade seconded the motion. The vote was Unanimous

#### **Roll Call Vote**

- Kirk Sanders- Yes
- Linda McQuade- Yes
- Mark Rankin- Yes
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#### **Financial Report:**

A request form was signed by Kirk Sanders for a Quill purchase.

Supplies that are needed

- Binders
- Ink

#### **Guest Two**

Jeremiah Ferris Vice President of North East Relic Hunters Metal Detecting -

Jeremiah Ferris brought to share with the Historical Commission Artifacts that he found while metal detecting on his own and with his group North East Relic Hunters. North East Relic Hunters is a growing group that currently has 30 members. These members have found a hobby that is bringing light to artifacts that have been underground right here in our Town since the 1600s or earlier. Jeremiah has found a plethora of interesting Artifacts in Southwick such as a 6,000-year-old Native ArrowHead Atlantic Phase Blade found on Stanley Broska's Farm, many coins, and even a George Washington Button circa 1789 to name a few. Jeremiah brings these to the Historical Commission with hopes that the Town will allow him to display his magnificent and interesting findings in the display cases at the front entrance of the Town Hall for the community to come in and appreciate. Jeremiah will have information and the location of the artifact found for each one that is on display. The Historical Commission is hoping that this will take place sometime in the early New Year. If you own a historic home in Town and you

would like Jeremiah and The North East Relic Hunters to come out and scan your land please reach out so they can keep finding more of our Towns hidden history!  
Contact Jeremiah Ferris By Email - kermiah@gmail.com

Mark Rankin made a motion to have these findings placed on display here at the Town Hall.  
Linda McQuade seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor

**Roll Call Vote**

- Kirk Sanders- Yes
- Linda McQuade- Yes
- Mark Rankin- Yes

**Discussion regarding the Congregational Church Application for CPA funds:**

The Congregational Church is going to use funds from private donations for their needed renovations.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Linda McQuade made a **motion** to Adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Mark Rankin **seconded the motion**. The Vote was unanimous

**Roll Call Vote**

- Kirk Sanders- Yes
- Linda McQuade- Yes
- Mark Rankin- Yes