

**Westminster Historical Commission
11 South Street
Westminster, MA 01473**

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday September 7, 2023, at 2:30 PM
Location: Town Hall, Room 128

Members Present: Roni Beal, Carole Bramante, Nick Langhart, Betsy Hannula,
Via Zoom- Joan Longcope

Guest Present: Audra Kirtland, Community Service Director attended the meeting. She explained her role with the town communications. We discussed plans to promote Preservation Week, Golden Key Awards, and plans for the Farmers Cooperative.

- I. Approve Minutes of August 10, 2023 – The minutes were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report – No changes. Betsy requested funds (\$52.14 - Staples) for the cost of making copies of last year's Form B documents. So, approved.
- III. Correspondence – Received: invoice from Maki Building Center for \$1.00, Freedom's Way postcard, MA Cultural Council notice to local cultural council for grant proposals.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Phase II- updating the interior of Farmers Cooperative for public use- There is no funding for Phase II. We will continue to investigate ways to build support for our plan to make the interior useable as a museum and meeting place.
 - B. Request from Open Space Chair to meet with Historical Commission in September regarding old stone walls and scenic roads- Roni will contact Sue Millman to meet on September 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM.
- V. New Business
 - A. Plan new fiscal year Form B research projects – The historic structures on Main Street that will be researched for this year's project are: 117 Main, 121 Main, 123 Main, 127 Main, 129 Main, 133 Main, 137 Main, 128 Main, 134 Main and if possible 118 Main. Preservation consultant, Stacy Spies, is interested in submitting a contract for this project.
 - B. Resend Historical Commission By-laws to Selectboard- Betsy sent a copy of the bylaws in May and will resend them.
 - C. Non – Voting Items – 353 South Ashburnham Road House Plaque information has been corrected to read Ephraim Wetherbee (1777)
 - D. Set dates for October, November, December meetings – We will meet October 12, 2023, at 2:30 PM., November 9, 2023, at 2:30 PM, December 7, 2023, at 2:30PM

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Bramante

