

Bellingham Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 20, 2023

Location: Historical Museum, 3 Common Street

Attendance

In Person Present Members: Rick Marcoux, Jeffrey Prescott, Bernadette Rivard, Jennifer Russo

Present on Zoom: Steve Joanis, Marjorie Turner Hollman

Members Absent: Franco Tocchi

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Marcoux at 5:02 pm.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

Jeffrey Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Turner Hollman and was unanimously adopted.

Budget Update

Municipal Budget

Starting Balance \$7,000.00 Expenditures \$895.74 Ending Balance \$6104.26

Expenditures by Month

| July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|------|-------|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0.00 | 28.88 | 0.00 | 617.35 | 214.51 | | | | | | | |

Expenses since last meeting paid from municipal budget

| Date | Vendor | Amount | Description |
|------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| 10/18/2023 | Amazon Business | 36.99 | Donation Jar |
| 10/24/2023 | USPS | 198.00 | 300 Stamps |
| 10/25/2023 | Bellingham Library | 98.83 | Printing 250 Crimpville Comments |
| 10/29/2023 | Amazon Business | 184.52 | Plastic Storage Containers |
| 11/01/2023 | Amazon Business | 29.99 | Archival Storage Box |

Bills received but not paid

None

Gift Fund

Starting Balance \$2273.23 Deposits \$22.00 Expenditures \$ 0 Ending Balance \$2295.23

Correspondence: None

Old Business

Hours & Sr. Tax Work Off Staff Update

Our fall hours started after Labor Day, they are:

Tuesdays from 9:30-12:30 – Staffed by Marjorie Turner Hollman under the Sr. Tax Work Off Program 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturdays from 9:30-12:30 – Staffed by Carol George under the Sr. Tax Work Off Program

We will be closed on Saturday, November 25th and Saturday, December 23rd for the holiday weekends.

Other Sr. Tax Work Off Staff will be returning for hours for the new tax work off year that starts on December 1st.

Upcoming Programming

Bernadette & Jennifer will coordinate a date in early 2024 for the Genealogy program and Jennifer and Catherine Perreault of the library staff will work together on the project.

Railings for Main Entry – We have received the revised quote from Champion Fence and it has been sent to the town for approval. Bernadette will check in after the Thanksgiving holiday to check on the status.

Security Fire Alarm Update – Funds for the project were approved at Fall Town Meeting. Bernadette will also check in with the town for next steps after the Thanksgiving holiday.

New Business

Returning items to donors – Bernadette will be contacting the people we have identified as contributors of items that we would like to offer to return to their owners.

FY25 Draft Budget – The group reviewed the proposed FY25 budget. Marjorie Turner Hollman made a motion that we accept the proposed FY25 budget as presented, for \$7000. It was seconded by Jennifer Russo and unanimously approved.

Bernadette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm. It was seconded by Steve Joanis and unanimously adopted.

Next meeting date: December 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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Bernadette Rivard, Secretary