

There will be a meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Commission on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at the Town Offices at 6:00 pm.

The meeting may also be accessed by telephone at: Free Conference Call Dial Up Number 701-802-5469 Access Code 5871133

Agenda

approve minutes of 7/19/22

OLD BUSINESS

String Concert Report

Dates for Historical Walks

Update of museum repair should be No later than Sept.

Update Cell Tower Set-back By-Law change (PB sponsor or petition)

When to send letter to Sb asking for HC offices to be moved back to West Chesterfield Post Office

Update on Special Permit applications discussion with Planning Board

Lafayette Trail sign

Update Preservation Plan

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

Plans for 4th of July parade 2023-float

Other budget items

Web site entries and maintenance

Ideas for future activities- Map with historic sites marked

Signs on granite

Any other business

Chesterfield Historical Commission Minutes Town Offices, January 26, 2023, 6-745 pm also dial up as above Chesterfield, MA 01084

Present: Dee Cinner, Eileen McGowan and Dee Ursia

Minutes of 7/19/22 approved without changes unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

We sponsored a string quartet concert September 25 at the Town Hall, 33 attended.

One musician attending remarked that the Town Hall has superior acoustics.

Set dates for Historical Walks- July and August but no later than Sept. Try two again this year We should see if owners will let up go in houses.

Update of museum repair -roof is done and the small front porch is replaced but there will be no more work until spring

Discussed proposed Cell Tower Set-back By-Law change: Since the PB has been reluctant to take up the matter, we will bring it up after Town Meeting as there will be several new members who might be more receptive to preservation ideas.

We will continue to try to get a historical exhibit at the WCPO Gigi Kaeser will help with this and several residents of West Chesterfield are supportive and want to help. North Road/Damon Pond Road Project. Now is not the time to ask to move offices.

There have been no Special Permit applications with Planning Board so we don't know if they will resume sending the Historical Commission copies of the permits for review as agreed.

Lafayette sign- Dee Cinner talked to town administrators of clerks in Hinsdale, Peru and Worthington and none of those towns had a request to put up a sign commemorating Lafayette's 1825 travels on Rte. 143. Dee will write a letter recommending that any historical signage emplaced in the town should be consistent with the attractive markers already in place (granite with brass signs).

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

We have a little over \$300 left and after some discussion decided that that would be enough to give Donnie Bisbee a \$100 stipend for wagon and horses for the parade for our float and also for a reusable Historical Commission banner. We don't feel we have to increase our request for next year. Eileen will ask Lee Manchester about doing a possible concert.

Shannon Walsh from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission called Dee and informed her of the availability of a National Park Service non-matching grant available and asked about eligible town properties on the National Register needing work that would benefit from grant funds. Dee's letter attached.

Eileen is very interested in having a map with historic sites marked. This would be a first step toward a program of placing historic markers around town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm
Submitted by Dee Cinner