

There will be a meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Commission on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Community Center at 10:30 am.

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 7/15/23

OLD BUSINESS

Results of review of historic section of draft Open Space Plan
Progress on Cell tower by-law proposed change

NEW BUSINESS

Availability of 2 grants- NPS and MHC
Preliminary budget for FY 2025

Any Other Business

Chesterfield Historical Commission Minutes
Chesterfield, MA 01084
Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Community Center at 10:30-11:55am
also dial up as above

Present: Dee Cinner, Eileen McGowan

Minutes of 7/15/23/23 approved without changes unanimously(x2)

OLD BUSINESS

Dee sent corrections to the draft Open Space Plan for the Historic portion, the historic resources map and list and the list of cemeteries. These three elements had numerous corrections. Eileen has been contacted by the committee to see if she can overlay the historic districts on one map.

Dee has met with the Planning Board concerning our ongoing recommendation to amend the Communications Tower By-law to protect the Chesterfield Center National Historic District. She has explained the setback map to the new members. We decided that at the next Planning Board meeting we have to make it clear that our participation in the process is limited to our proposal and will not involve revisions to other parts of the by-law that the Planning Board wishes to address. Eileen will update the timeline document to reflect steps to be taken to get it on the 2024 Annual Town Meeting agenda. We should start work on getting it passed by being able to answer questions. Dee will contact Russ about TM issues.

We will make calls to various people to see if they are interested in joining a group of people interested in both preserving stone walls and getting Bryant, South and Ireland Streets designated scenic roads.

NEW BUSINESS

At least two sources of grants are available:

1. The conditions for application for National Park service grant through PVPC is almost finalized. Shannon Walsh said that Chesterfield is one of 40 towns in Western MA eligible to apply for grant funds.
2. Mass Historical Commission's new round of Planning and Survey grants has been announced. Dee spoke with Peter Stott of MHC about how the minimums of \$15,000 for a Survey grant and \$12,500 for a Planning grant make is almost impossible for small towns such as Chesterfield to apply. Peter said it was up to the town to come up with matching funds and that MHC would not lower its minimums.

Both Peter and Shannon affirmed that is extremely difficult to find consultants willing to do survey forms for a reasonable price.

Due to the Police Department sole use of the meeting room because of repairs to their office, we are unable to do any document scanning. Eileen will investigate classes she might take to be able to complete survey forms.

Dee will ask at the F of the Chesterfield Library at next week's meeting whether they want to participate with the HC in offering welcome packets to new residents.

Budget

We decided to request level funding for our budget. Eileen will find out who the person at the parade wearing the Civil War uniform is and see if he is interested in presenting Samuel Eddy's story and how much it would cost.

Submitted by: Dee Cinner