

SALISBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda for September 20, 2022

Town Hall, 5 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA 01952, 2nd floor conference room,

When: 5:30 pm

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- 1) Call to order
- 2) Discussion/Report of Salisbury Days event held 18 September, 2022 at Pike Primary School House: Number of visitors, donations, comments from visitors, etc. Suggestions for next year.
- 3) Unmarked graves in Colonial Cemetery: 2021 radar imaging report received. Photos now documented on specific location of 4 unmarked persons. The opinion of expert historic stone carver, Karin Sprague is to put 4 footstones on the graves and indicate on each stone, "Unknown. Discovered 2021." Include a design from other nearby footstones for continuity. Karin's estimate is \$20,000. Another estimate from another stone carver is \$6,000 for nearly the same thing. Town manager said he has no funds for these markers. Discuss what to present to Cemetery Commission. Historical Commission can search for grants to fund this if Cemetery Commission votes to approve this suggestion of how to mark and honor these 4 persons.
- 4) Discussion to regain the integrity of the Quaker/Pike memorial stone location that would be included within a new proposal of reproduction native meadow grasses and wildflowers that may have been on town common at the arrival of first settlers.

Discuss a bylaw to present to Selectmen that would require any town department that intends to remove, alter or install historic markers and/or artifacts belonging to the town's people to contact the Historical Commission and be involved in discussions surrounding proposed alterations, removal or installation of any historic asset. We are charged with "protecting the town's historic assets" but the town does not have a requirement (bylaw) to contact its own Historical Commission.

This would include, but not limited to any and all handling of historic artifacts and new and old memorials contained in town buildings and historic sites. Discuss the obligation of the Historical Commission to conduct an annual inventory and condition

report, so that the location and description of our artifacts are recorded. A report of this annual inventory would be recorded on the town's G Drive and/or given to the town clerk.

5) Tour of John Clough descendants 9/10/2022 by Chairman

6) Millennium Engineering Colonial Cemetery plan update: they only have the map, and did not do the 4 page transcription. The transcription of who is on each stone needs to be updated to figure out the missing data on Page 3.

7) Continuation of writing our first Preservation Plan (ongoing)

8) Comments by commissioners, visitors

9) Adjournment

Sincerely,

Connie Hellwig, Chairman

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