



PERU HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2022

Present: E. Munch, S. Masino, S. Adams and J. Kenney

Absent: R. Burke

1. The meeting was call to order at 11:04am. Roll call was taken.
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
3. Finalization of minutes from the February 12 and March 19, 2022 meetings – Both sets of minutes were reviewed by members who participated in the meetings and minutes were finalized.
4. Update on archives consultant input to storing electronic documents – The Librarian continues to work with an archives consultant and is now beginning to organize submitted electronic documents. Members agreed that when practical, both hardcopy and electronic version of the same documents should be made available for archiving.
5. Follow-up on contact from Tom Hoffmann, Town of Washington Historical Commission, about a mining operation on Fuller Brook: Members of the Historical Commission as well as friends of the Historical Commission have provided info on the mining operation on Fuller Brook. Additional research is needed but the shared opinion is that quite a bit of activity was established at that location. It is now on private property and would be difficult to access because of overgrowth.
6. Follow-up on contact from Mary Rice, Hinsdale Historical Commission, about the 'Review of Town History – Members were thankful for the sharing of Sept 20, 1892 Review of Town History booklet. The shared document has been scanned and both submitted to the library for archiving.
7. Participation in the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Survey – J. Kenney shared that he participated in a survey sent electronically to each Historical Commission chairperson in Berkshire County. Results will be shared when available.
8. Plans for an event on August 12 / 13 at the Garnet Peak memorial – Posters have been seen advertising an August 13 tribute to the soldiers who died on Garnet Peak in the plane crash along with a 'Soaring Eagle' parachute jump into a farm in Dalton.
9. Contributing to the Town's 250th Celebration - All
 - Delivery of the Sestercentennial Book – The books have been received and placed with the Town Clerk for the upcoming 250th celebration. Books are priced at \$20.
 - Update from 250th Committee – J. Kenney shared that it seems all the planning is done and the only remaining work left is to set-up for the event.
 - Finalization of plans for USPS participation in the Town's 250th Celebration – E. Munch explained that the rubber stamp ordered by the USPS has not yet been received. Munch will check with the Postmaster prior to the event on July 16. The envelopes are being printed at Courier Printing and managed by Jim Welch, Town Administrator.
 - Suggestions for the Time Capsule – Suggestions are still welcome but a final decision will be made with the co-chairs of the 250th event. The actual time capsule will be purchased after an agreement is reached on contents. E. Munch suggested a disk be included that contains movies / photos from the Annual Town Meeting held outdoors in the parking lot adjacent to the Community Center. This was done for social distancing purposes so that the meeting could be held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

10. Planning for next Historical Commission Meeting on August 13 – No suggestions were made.
11. Any Other Business – The town librarian had asked for help identifying a bridge in a photo. S. Adams recalls having traveled the original bridge which was on Strong Road. The remains of the bridge at that location today are from the second bridge which was erected after a logging truck damaged the original bridge. S. Adams indicated that she'd follow-up to close the loop with the librarian.
12. Adjourn Meeting at 11:58pm

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman

Date:

8/13/22.

