

# PERU HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, October 10, 2020,

Location: Peru Community Center, 3 E Main Rd, Peru, MA 01235

Attendees: Jim Kenney, Ed Munch, Richard Burke and Susan Masino (by Zoom)

1. Call to order, Roll call: The meeting was called to order at Noon.
2. Acknowledgement of Meeting recording status. This meeting was not recorded. The public was invited to join by Zoom Meeting.
3. Membership update: Sara Adams has submitted a letter of interest to the Selectboard regarding Commission membership. She has not yet met with the Selectboard.
4. Update regarding Historical Commission Mission Statement discussions— J. Kenney explained that the BoS endorsed the Historical Commission Mission Statement at a recent meeting. The final version has been posted to the town's webpage in the Cemetery Commission's folder. The plan is to revisit the document annually to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.
5. Update regarding the Commemorative Medallion: S. Masino has ordered the ribbon, which will be shipped directly to J. Kenney. The samples of the medallion are soon to be available, hopefully by Election day on November 3.
6. Update on the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration - The celebration has formally been postponed out of 2021 and into 2022 because of the COVID pandemic.
  - a. Reproducing the Bicentennial History book and 1995 update: The two previously created books have been scanned and distributed to members of the Historical and Cemetery Commissions. The goal is to identify topics of historical interest not previously covered or identify topics which deserve an update. Members were asked to identify topics for inclusion in the 250<sup>th</sup> book.
  - b. Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update: J. Kenney suggested that the Selectboard minutes be reviewed for topics which could be added to the 250<sup>th</sup> book. Volunteers are needed for this review
  - c. Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents. Contribution to Peru Live Wire. Members were asked to identify town residents who are life-long Peruvians or who have multi-generational roots in town. Interviews can be included in the 250<sup>th</sup> book.
7. Planning for next Historical Commission Meeting: Members agreed a future topic for discussion can include the criteria for inclusion on the town's Honor Roll
8. Any Other Business – Wreaths across America was mentioned as a worthwhile organization. S. Masino offered to follow-up.
9. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting ended at 12:51.

James Kenney, Chairman

Approved: 1/23/21

