

PERU HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Attendees: Jim Kenney, Ed Munch, Richard Burke and Sarah Adams; Absent: Susan Masino

1. Call to order, Roll call: The meeting was called to order at 12:23 due to Zoom meeting connection issues, then attendees were noted.
2. Acknowledgement of Meeting recording status. This meeting was not recorded. The public was invited to join by Zoom Meeting but no one connected.
3. Finalization of minutes from October 10, 2020 meeting: Attending members agreed that the draft reviewed could be finalized. J. Kenney will sign-off on behalf of the commission members and submit the minutes to the Town Clerk as final.
4. Membership update: Sara Adams joined for her first Historical Commission meeting. Welcome, Sarah!
5. Update regarding the Commemorative Medallion: The order of 250 medallions has been received. Medallions will be packaged with a length of ribbon and be placed in a velveteen bag. A printed message about the medallion will also be included in the cardboard jewelry box. Fifty-seven medallions have been packaged. The remaining medallions will be packaged after additional supplies are received from various vendors. A sale / distribution process remains to be understood. A communication plan regarding the availability of the medallions is being worked through and could include Live Wire, the Berkshire Eagle and other networks.
6. Contributing to the Town's 250th Celebration
 - Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update: The co-chairs of the town's 250th celebration committee have been asked for a target completion date for the Sestercentennial Book. It was suggested that the Chair of the town's Board of Health be asked to contribute a story on the COVID pandemic to the book. J. Kenney will follow-up with Peggy White. Additionally, Candice Adams, Sarah's daughter, has a collection of vintage Peru-related newspaper clippings that are being sorted through and may result in interesting info to be included in the book.
 - Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents. Members agree that interviews of the town's notable residents should be planned for inclusion in the book.
7. Discuss responsibility for developing criteria for inclusion of names on town's Honor Roll – R. Burke has offered to get involved with this work. He and J. Kenney will discuss progress made to date outside of this meeting.
8. Planning for next Historical Commission Meeting: Members agreed that commission meetings should remain monthly and target the 2nd Saturday of each month.
9. Any Other Business – J. Kenney explained that the Town Administrator has asked for Annual Reports, with a due date of February 28. A draft will be prepared and distributed to the members for comment.
10. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting ended at 1:01.

James Kenney, Chairman

 2/20/21

Approved: