



PERU HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2021

Present: R. Burke, E. Munch and J. Kenney.

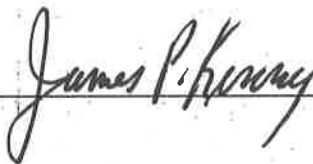
Absent: S. Adams, S. Masino

1. The meeting was call to order at 12:01pm. Roll call was taken.
 2. **Acknowledgement of meeting recording status** – This meeting was not recorded
 3. **Finalization of minutes from May 1, 2021 meeting:** Attending members agreed that the reviewed draft could be finalized. J. Kenney will sign-off on behalf of commission members and submit the minutes to the Town Clerk as final.
 4. Planning for the 250th Celebration:
 - Update on the Commemorative Medallion sales:** J. Kenney reported that, to date, 178 medallions, of the 250 ordered, have been sold and one has been gifted by the BoS.
 - Commission's endorsement of proposed driving tour of the town's historic sites:** Members reviewed the Google map presentation created by J. Kenney which is titled: Notable Historic Locations Peru MA and endorsed it's use for a self-guided driving tour. The link can be included in the 250th Celebration Program as well as on the town's webpage. J. Kenney to make the link available to the co-chairs of the 250th Celebration Committee.
 - Call for photographs for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.** J. Kenney explained that S. Adam's family has a box of old photographs which may be used in the 250th Celebration Program as well as the Sestercentennial book update. Members were asked to make any photos of historical or town significance available for scanning.
 - Suggestions:** E. Munch made a couple of suggestions to be considered by the 250th Celebration Committee:
 - Consider an invitation to the Army National Guard to participate in the celebrations. In other towns the Army National Guard has brought equipment (half-track, Black Hawk helicopter) to showcase their capabilities.
 - Consider contacting Pete White, a local Partridgefield historian, for his participation as well.
 - Town Post Office:** Ed has examples of the Peru Post Office's postmark which can be displayed during the 250th Celebration provided that a secure display can be ensured. He also offered to write a section of the Sestercentennial book on the history of the town's post office and invite members of his philatelic club to contribute.
- J. Kenney reminded members that it would be appreciated if additional thought could be given to them contributing to the 1995 – 2021 Sestercentennial book update, selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents as well as contributions to Peru Live Wire.

5. **Finalization of criteria for the Town Honor Roll** - R. Burke has been continuing his research regarding the criteria used for placing names on Honor Rolls. Generally, the criteria seem to be 1) the individual was a town resident at the time military service began, 2) the individual served during a time of active conflict, and 3) the individual received an honorable discharge from service. The final recommendation to the Selectboard will include the suggestion that a committee be formed to manage future additions to the Honor Roll. Additional research will be conducted to determine specific criteria which may apply to Peru. More to follow on this topic.
6. **Status of work regarding the Boston Post Cane Program**- J. Kenney apologized for this topic being carried over from the previous meeting agenda. Any work on the Boston Post Cane Program will be done by the Selectboard and outside of the Historical Commission.
7. **Planning for field trip with Peggy White**: The suggestion was made to look for a time / date during the week rather than on busy weekends for the field trip with Peggy White. The plan is to visit a cave as well as Indian artifacts in town.
8. **Planning for next Historical Commission Meeting** – The next meeting will be planned to occur in approximately 4 weeks
9. **Any Other Business** – Nothing offered
10. Adjourn Meeting at 1:15pm

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman



Date:

12/21/21