

MINUTES OF MEETING OF METHUEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION November 19, 2008

1. Roll Call:
Members in Attendance: Joe Bella, Mike Hughes, Krista McLeod, Jim Smith and Frank Welch. Also present was Keith Driscoll, Shauna Jamal and Alene Reich.
2. Approval of September 17, 2008 Minutes:
A motion was made to accept the September 17, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Visitors:
Ms. Shauna Jamal, representing the present owners of the railroad depot, spoke about future restoration work on the awning and was advised to contact the Festival of Trees for a possible grant to help pay for the project. Mr. Keith Driscoll, NEPA/GIS Manager, spoke about the latest updates regarding the Lowell Street Armory and the MOA.
4. Correspondence:
Alene received a memo from the Massachusetts Army National Guard regarding the MOA for the Lowell Street Armory. Alene also received a memo regarding the future installation of a cell tower at Caritas Holy Family Hospital. Alene received a memo from TranSystems requesting comments from the Board regarding a Route 93 rotary by-pass lane.
5. Update: Mayor's Committee on Housing of Collection:
Mike met with Superintendent of Schools, Jeanne Whiten and Mayor Manzi regarding the use of certain rooms the Central School Building as a possible location for the Collection sometime in 2009.
6. Accounts: Budget, Donations, Sands Bridge, Rogers Survey:
Alene reported receiving a royalty check for \$12.50 from Acadia Publishing concerning the Images of America-Methuen book sales.
7. The Collection:
Alene notified Michelle McCormack that the Markey flags will be permanently displayed at City Hall. Mr. Markey called Alene to let her know that he felt City Hall didn't have enough foot traffic for the display, and he preferred the Nevins Library instead. Jim will contact Michelle and Mr. Markey to explain that the flags should be displayed at City Hall. Alene mentioned that Matt Kraunelis recommended conserving the Robert Frost ledger for a future display. Alene received two photos of a Methuen scene from the Lawrence History Center. A Methuen Historical Commission policy for accepting textiles and clothing will be a future goal of the Commission.
8. New Business:
Alene reminded the Commission of items being sold, such as notecards and a large picture of the Sands Bridge by artist Mr. Joiner. The Teacher training seminar will not take place until a new Museum site is in place. Alene will the Email Commission members her work schedule.
9. Old Business:
Krista received an Email from Mr. Brian Sheehy and he is interested in having a vintage baseball game in Methuen in the spring of 2009. Krista offered to plan this event.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Joseph G. Bella, Secretary, Methuen Historical Commission