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# City of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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#### Members:

Passiglia, John, chair (2024)  
Conti, Scott (2023)  
Blagg, Tim (2023)  
Mayo, Doug (2024)  
Jones, Margo (2023)  
David Brock (2023)  
Abbey, Matt (2025)

#### **Meeting Minutes for: 3/2/2023**

Meeting began at: 5:03 p.m. at the Zon Center

**Members present:** John Passiglia, Margo Jones, Scott Conti, Tim Blagg, David Brock, Matt Abbey, Doug Mayo.

**Visitors:** Athena Lee Bradley, city grant writer.

February's minutes were approved, unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- Athena brought the Commission up to date on the grant for a feasibility study of future uses of the Asher Benjamin-designed Leavitt-Hovey House. The Commission voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for the application.
- The next meeting will consider a draft description by Tim Blagg of the next Peter Miller Award, tentatively to Mark Zaccheo, and perhaps his wife Barbara as well.
- John presented a review of the CPC process so far, together with a list of the projects that have made the cut for this cycle. There was some discussion of those proposals that have an historic side to them, including the Historical Society of Greenfield's request for funding to help catalog the later Peter Miller's extensive collection of ephemera; a request from Our Museum of Industrial Heritage for help in restoring an antique machine tool; and the Franklin County Agricultural Society's plan to rehabilitate animal barns.

#### **New Business:**

- There was discussion of possible plans for the rehabilitation of Wilson's Department Store on Main Street by Franklin Community Coop, the new owner. It's understood that the '60s style façade will be removed, to expose the original brick as well as uncover the south-facing windows for use by upper floor residences.
- Tim Blagg reported that some of the Common Pamphlet copies deposited at World Eye Books and Baker Office Supply have been sold. No decision on further printing has been reached.
- Some members have completed mandatory state ethics training.
- Tim Blagg reported that the Commission has been asked to support the ABPP/NPS Battlefield Protection Program's efforts to aid the transfer of a portion of the White Ash Swamp from Ceruzzi Properties, LLC, Inc. to the Nolumbeka Project, as was previously promised. A letter to Mayor Wedegartner is being prepared.

The session was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on April 6 at the Zon Center.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Blagg, secretary.

