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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**Members:**

Passiglia, John, chair (2024)  
Scott Conti (2023)  
Blagg, Tim (2023)  
Mayo, Doug (2024)  
Moorhead, Bob (2022)  
Jones, Margo (2023)  
David Brock (2023)

**Meeting Minutes for: 11/3/2022**

Meeting began at: 5:02 p.m. at the Zon Center

There was no October meeting.

Members present: John Passiglia, Margo Jones, Scott Conti, Tim Blagg, Robert Moorhead, Doug Mayo.

Members absent: David Brock.

September's minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- Vintage Days reflection. Margo and Dave Brock represented the Commission. They sold a few monographs and answered some questions. Some feedback from all who attended:
  1. The trolley bus schedule needs to be posted and strictly followed. Too many riders had to hurry away from various sites because they were worried about missing the bus.
  2. The idea of a manned bus with a running commentary would still be better, many members feel.
- Several pre-applications were presented at the Community Preservation Committee hearing attended by John. Those involving historical topics were discussed and voted upon. They include
  1. The Museum of Our Industrial Heritage is seeking a grant to repair and complete a Goodell-Pratt Light Machine Shop — a complex belt-driven set of machine tools to a DIY machinist. It's about a century old, and if restored, would serve as "live action" exhibit in the museum. The Commission voted to approve the pre-application, with Scott Conti abstaining.
  2. The Historical Society of Greenfield would like to archive Peter Millers bequest to them of a vast trove of Greenfield ephemera. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the pre-application.
- The City of Greenfield is seeking a grant Letter of Intent to revise and update the survey of historic buildings in town, first done in the 1970s. This has been a Commission priority for quite some time, and the vote to approve the idea was unanimous, with the suggestion that the result be done in a database and be posted online once finished. The grant proposal is for \$20,000, to be matched by the Mass. Historical Commission. The work would be under the "guidance" of the Commission.
  3. A proposal by the First United Methodist Church, of 25 Church Street, for a grant to improve its basement restrooms, was unanimously disapproved.

**New Business:**

- Margo asked the Commission to vote upon the idea of removing the “bookmobile addition” on the east side of the Leavitt-Hovey House after the library moves to its new location. It was added in 1955 and adds nothing to the classic architecture of the building. The change might also improve the footprint of any future handicap ramp. The Commission voted unanimously to approve sending a letter of approval to the Mass. Historical Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Zon Center.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Blagg, secretary.