

**MINUTES  
MIDDLEBOROUGH  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
8/13/2024**

Members Present: Mike Maddigan, Tom Dexter, Chip Mangio, Wally Glendye, Nathan Demers, Larissa Hallgren

Chairman Mike Maddigan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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Old Business:

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 11th as presented.**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: L.Hallgren                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

New Business:

Mike Maddigan is choosing to step down as Chairman of the Historical Commission.

**MOTION: To appoint Larissa Hallgren as Chairman of the Historical Commission.**

**BY: M.Maddigan                      SECOND: W.Glendye                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

**MOTION: To appoint Mike Maddigan as Vice Chairman of the Historical Commission.**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: L.Hallgren                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

Larissa Hallgren delegated Mike Maddigan to chair the remainder of this meeting.

Chip Mangio expressed interest in being nominated as a full voting member of the Historical Commission.

**MOTION: To recommend Chip Mangio as voting member of the Historical Commission.**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: L.Hallgren                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

Mike Maddigan did not hear back from Eugene Kelley, the applicant for 504 and 508 Wareham Street. The historical commission needs to make a determination of significance on these two properties by the 20th of August. 508 Wareham Street does not appear in deeds until 1980, and appears to have no historical value in its history or architecture. 504 Wareham Street is a stone house built by the Wilbur family, which was a prominent family in the history of South Middleboro. Construction of the house started in 1921 and finished a few years later. The house has unique masonry in the walls shared by few locations, one being the fire station.

**MOTION: To declare the 504 Wareham Street historically significant.**

**BY: T.Dexter                      SECOND: W.Glendye                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

**MOTION: To declare the 508 Wareham Street not historically significant.**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: L.Hallgren                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

Preservation Planning:

A cemetery page was created for the historical commission website. The page includes pictures of the six town managed cemeteries, a link to the Friends of Middleborough Cemeteries, and a link to a video on cemetery cleaning procedures. Larissa Hallgren will put in reimbursement for payment for the website.

Laurene Gerrior was not presenting, but is moving forward with at least one interview for the oral project. Chip Mangio brought up putting a page on the website for the oral project once more videos are produced.

Chip Mangio went before the selectboard, made his slideshow presentation and talked with people afterwards. Part of the discussion was to put together a warrant article and look at basic numbers for the potential costs. Another town in the state did a warrant article recently, so Chip Mangio copied it and changed it to fit Middleboro's needs. He is working on a detailed cost breakdown. It would include maintenance costs of the cemeteries, spring and fall cleanup, and

purchase of gravesites. The cemeteries total to approximately 2 ½ acres of land that needs to be maintained. Chip Mangio also outlines the most recent burials and requests in each of the cemeteries.

If the cemetery commission is created it would require a town budget. Mike Maddigan explained that this is a responsibility that the town already has. Currently the responsibility for the cemeteries is split between the Board of Selectman and Historic Commission.

Unanticipated:

Nathan Demers spoke about the work done at the Waterman Roofing Company building. The stone walls on the site have been taken down, and as of this date have not been placed back as was requested at the site visit. The historic commission had a discussion on what can currently be legally done concerning requests made to applicants. Unlike the town building code, the demolition bylaw is not legally binding other than the ability to delay a project for up to one year. Larissa Hallgren and Mike Maddigan will speak to the town consul about ways to move forward with legal accountability without being onerous.

**MOTION: To pay Alexis Cope \$30 for work done on the minutes for June 11th.**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: T.Dexter                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

**MOTION: To adjourn at 8:42pm**

**BY: W.Glendye                      SECOND: L.Hallgren                      VOTE: 6-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted: Alexis J. Cope, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: September 10, 2024

Approved: