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Historic Preservation Commission

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Town Hall  
Bedford, MA 01730  
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## Minutes of Meeting of 06/06/2023 (held in person in Town Hall)

Commission Members Present: John Linz (Chair), Don Corey, David Goldbaum, Jessie McAleer, Alethea "Lee" Yates. Absent: Stephanie Keep

There is one vacancy on the Commission.

Visitors: Paul Mortenson, Select Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

1. There were no **public comments**. No members of the public were present.
2. The **meeting minutes** of 05/02/2023 were moved, seconded, and approved, 5-0-0 .
3. **Financial Report**. There have been no expenditures in the current financial year. For next year, we need to simplify the segregations because we don't need them.
4. **Demolition Delay**. No new applications have been received.
5. **Michael Bacon House**, 229 Old Billerica Road. An email was received from Catherine Perry, Assistant Planner, asking if negotiations are going on for a permanent preservation restriction on the property. There are no such negotiations at this time.
6. **Article 56, Tax Deferral Bylaw**. John Linz emailed the group some materials, the same as the ones he sent to the Assessors. At an upcoming Assessors meeting, they will be provided with information concerning the proposed bylaw revision. John and David Goldbaum will participate.
7. **House plaques**. David's nephew, Benjamin Kane of Amesbury, is willing to provide small plaques for the price of \$75. He is not yet able to provide a price for large plaques.
8. **Shawsheen Cemetery** interpretive sign.
  - Don Corey suggested that Chris Nelson, the GIS person at the DPW, be asked to provide a map for the sign. Lee Yates will contact him.
  - John said that the DPW would work with a sign maker to get the sign made. John is to meet with the DPW director to discuss this; Lee will join them.
  - We must encumber our funds by July 1. Perhaps DPW could pay the rest of the funding needed for the sign.
  - The group reviewed the proposed text of the sign and suggested one correction. A motion was made to accept the corrected text; passed 5-0-0.
9. **Reorganization**. The group needs time to consider. Will pursue the matter at the next meeting.
10. **Job Lane House**. John has been working with Facilities on a number of issues.
  - Low water flow in the barn kitchen. A plumber has determined that the faucet needs replacing; this will be done soon.

- Facilities has put the roof replacement job out to bid and expects to receive the required three bids soon; work can then begin soon thereafter. John will see if the date of the work can be chosen so as to minimize any disruption to museum operations.
- Roy Kring of the Friends of the Job Lane House says that wifi for the house and barn would be very helpful. John would like to have Facilities deal with this.

11. **Town Museum.** The Bedford Historical Society has a museum committee in place to plan for exhibits on the third floor and ground floor.

12. **Community Preservation Committee.** There have been no meetings.

13. **Correspondence.** Nothing new.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alethea Yates, Acting Clerk