Hatfield Historical Commission

Minutes of the Meeting 13 June 2019

Members present: George Ashley, Amy Hahn, Ed Lesko

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Amy Hahn.

The minutes of the meeting on 12 April 2019 were read and approved unanimously.

It was noted that the meeting called for 22 May was not called to order for lack of a quorum.

Amy Hahn and George Ashley reported on developments concerning the planned construction work to prepare the second floor of the Memorial Town Hall to be the location of the Hatfield Historical Museum. Plans are under way for the delicate Museum items currently stored in the former large meeting room to be temporarily moved to the new Five College Library building in West Hatfield and the items stored in the former balcony to be temporarily moved to one of the Benson’s storage units while construction is in process. It is planned that the construction work will begin in July and be hoped that it will be complete by December.

Commission members signed bills to pay Paciorek Electric for the installation of lighting in the display case in the Historical Museum, the registration for Curator Kathie Gow to attend the annual Mass History Conference in Worcester in June, and the monthly Eversource electric service charge for the Farm Museum. Ed Lesko volunteered to submit the bills for payment.

It was unanimously voted to allocate $400 remaining in the Commission’s FY 2019 budget for supplies for the Hatfield Historical Museum and, if necessary, to incumber those funds at the end of this fiscal year.

Ed Lesko suggested that the Commission prepare an article to be submitted for consideration at the 2020 annual Town Meeting to pay for the necessary repairs to the Farm Museum building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Minutes recorded by Secretary George Ashley