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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Members:

Passiglia, John (2021)
Miller, Peter (2019)
Ruggles, Arthur III (2020)
Cook, Benton (2020)
Blagg, Tim (2020)
Cloutier, Douglas (2019)
Doug Mayo (2021)
Bob Moorhead (2019)

Meeting Minutes for: 1/10/2019

Meeting began at: 5:03 p.m.

Members present: John Passiglia, Terry Ruggles, Tim Blagg, Doug Mayo, Benton Cook, Bob Moorhead

Guests present: none

Approval of Minutes was done by email

Old Business:

- Parking Garage interactive kiosk: Terry Ruggles' draft letter to mayor, proposing that an interactive kiosk be installed at the new garage and including some suggestions for content, is attached. Approval by email will allow it to be sent over Chairman Passiglia's signature.
- Review of "Museum in the Streets" sign project. Tim Blagg provided a map of the town's existing informational plaques and historic markers. A list of possible locations for new signs includes:
 - ✓ North side of the Common, utilizing the 1835 drawing for comparison;
 - ✓ Poet's Seat Tower, overlooking the town;
 - ✓ Poet's Seat Tower, describing the view from the top of the tower;
 - ✓ The Wiley-Russell Dam, describing the dam's provision of water power for the tool factory;
 - ✓ The area of Greenfield Steel Stamp and the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage;
 - ✓ Chauncy Wing & Son's shop on Pierce Street, describing his role in WWII's proximity fuse research;
 - ✓ The Coleman-Hollister House, a 1792 Asher Benjamin design;
 - ✓ The Weldon Hotel on High Street, one of the first poured concrete buildings in the U.S.

Tim Blagg will contact the plaque company used by Sandy Thomas on the new pocket park, to gather price estimates. It was suggested that each plaque contain a QR Code, for further information on a website.

- Terry Ruggles has written a draft description of the "Asher P. Benjamin" award for outstanding efforts in preserving Greenfield's architectural heritage, which is attached for comments and revisions. Benton Cook will create a draft list of criteria for the new award, to be considered by the Commission. Bob Moorhead is considering possible designs for the award.
- Several members reported on the new library situation in the council, and the consensus was that the final decision cannot be predicted at this time.
- Bob and Andrea Moorhead are working on their pamphlet about the Common and its surrounding buildings, and a draft of their efforts is attached to these minutes for critique and comments.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the status of repairs to the abutments of the historic Wiley-Russell Dam. Terry Ruggles reported that there seems to be funding for the project, but details of the work are still uncertain.
- **Adjourned at: 6:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted: Tim Blagg, Secretary