Meeting Minutes for: 3/7/2019

Meeting began at: 5:00 p.m. at the Greenfield Public Library, 402 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass. Members present: John Passiglia, Terry Ruggles, Tim Blagg, Bob Moorhead, Benton Cook

Guests present: none

Approval of Minutes was done by email

Old Business:

- John Passiglia has sent Terry Ruggles’ letter about the Parking Garage kiosk to the mayor. We are awaiting his reply, with regard to installing an interactive screen there.
- Tim Blagg reported on options for the “Museum in the Streets” signs project. It was decided to proceed with the idea of purchasing individual signs from the best, but least expensive source we can find, and then using our connections with the local tech school and the town’s DPW to install them. We plan at least 10, and Tim agreed to produce a working map of possible sites and content. Bob Moorhead will look at the Parking Garage signs, done by Sandy Thomas, for a possible format and style for the new installations. There was discussion of including a QR code to an internet page and a map inset with other sites, somewhere on each sign.
- Benton Cook led the discussion of the possible first recipient of the “Asher P. Benjamin” award, and opined that we might do two “levels” of the award — one for all out, fully financed restorations and the other for people who do their best, within a limited budget, to maintain the look and feel of an original building. Ben will continue to think about possible first awards.
- Andrea and Bob Moorhead report progress on their Town Common project.
- Terry Ruggles has been appointed to the Mayor’s advisory committee on the Wiley-Russell Dam rebuilding project, and will keep the Commission informed. There was a strong consensus that, in addition to rebuilding the dam’s structure, that efforts be made to utilize the site for public use in whatever form that might take.

New Business:

- The Commission will continue to meet at the Library, now that the former Planning Dept. is no longer available.
- The Commission decided not to attend an upcoming meeting of the City Council’s Appointments and Ordinances Committee in regards to a possible resolution in support of changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts. Members agreed that such a change is not in the Commission’s purview.

Adjourned at: 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Tim Blagg, Secretary