

**Watchung Historical Committee
Minutes of the February 19th, 2025 Meeting**

In Attendance: Don Monetti, Maureen Greenbaum, Karen Jubin, Stephen Pote, liaison Mayor Ron Jubin, Tim Logan, and new member Frank Lazzano

Absent: Michael DeParto, Emily White, Chris Vander Fliet

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Motion to by Karen Jubin to approve January 22nd Historical Committee minutes. Second by Don Monetti. All in favor of approving the minutes from the January 22nd, 2025 Meeting. Minutes approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2025/2026 Timelines/Projects for 2025

Foveonics Scanning

No updates at this time. More discussion will take place regarding additional scanning of documents.

Bob Mayers – Committee Donation/Tree Planting

The committee discussed the idea of planting a tree in memory of Bob Mayers, Historian and member of the Historical Committee. One thought was to plant a tree at Washington Rock Park because of his involvement and writings of the Revolutionary War period. The committee, however, largely believed that a tree should be planted instead in Watchung, on the Texier House property.

Laurie Wood Donation - \$260 – Thank you Card sent to Laurie

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Tim Logan and new Historical Committee member Frank Lazzano were separately sworn in as Historical Committee members for 2025.

LIAISON REPORT – Mayor Jubin

Per Mayor and Council: Bylaws will be reviewed by the Council; from them, there might be ordinance changes. Ultimately the bylaws will be removed.

Texier House – Routine cleaning at least every two months should be taking place. Ron is supportive of meeting to discuss adequacy of current security levels at Texier House. Steve will reach out again to Jim Damato in Administration to arrange this.

OTHER PROJECTS/NEW BUSINESS

Scanning Day

Another scanning day was scheduled for Sunday, March 23

Photography of Texier House for 2025

Need to look again at what objects/artifacts were already photographed. Assess remainder and desire to take pictures of another group of artifacts.

Thomas Schaefer Eagle Scout Project

Work is underway at assessing what is going to be presented on the walls. Thomas is scheduling time at end of February to remove and relocate materials regarding the wall that presented clippings from the flood of '73 as well information on Wilson Memorial. Question was raised as to whether Thomas has enough material to work with.

Brook Hill Sign

Decision was made to retain 908 on the sign, as historically it was part of the phone number. Group still believes only one side needs to be refurbished.

Website Updates

Maureen showed a couple more examples of Watchung Historical website additions, demonstrating how, in some cases, very short "bursts" of information are informative and of interest. Also discussed was the possibility of featuring different aspects of the town, including long-time families. Maureen highlighted miniature golf at the old Sears store, as well Wallys, the quarry, etc., as examples of short pieces of interest. Idea surfaced to get biographies of each of the Mayors.

Maureen asked again that people go to the Facebook page on Historical, to keep the interest going.

Scanner/Scanning Scrapbooks

NO further discussion at this time.

100th Anniversary Ideas/Discussion

NO further discussion at this time.

T-Shirt Sales @ Wilson Memorial

NO further discussion at this time.

Sue Tucker Recognition

Under consideration by Council. Discussion (Spoke with Diddy, Betse, and Barbara. They are in support of some form of recognition for Sue Tucker)

Trivia for Watchung Sign

The administration will look at fixing the sign on a more permanent basis, and to create questions that are better formatted on the sign.

Historical Committee Shirts

It was discussed that Historical Committee should wear 100-year shirts, maybe a different color than the remainder of residents or other committee members.

SCHEDULE FOR TEXIER HOUSE OPENINGS

February 2nd

February 16th

March 2nd

March 16th

April 6th

April 6th

April 20th

May 4th

May 18th

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by Steve Pote

Next Meeting: March 19th at 7PM

Attachments:

- 1. No Attachments**