

Meeting of the Auburn Historical Commission, September 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Auburn Historical Museum.

Attending: Ken Ethier

Constance McBrier

Kyle Tasse.

Sari Bitticks

Absent: Denise Brotherton

George Byers, Jr.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03. Minutes of last meeting approved.
2. Ken Ether reported that the pastor of the church which has bought Old St. Joseph's had some questions for us, but Ken was unable to contact him for the meeting. We asked Ken to keep an eye out for the pastor and assure him we would be happy to be of use in the restoration.
3. Suzanne Murphy gave us an update on the Rotary Grant. They did not get it, but are considering giving some funds they have toward the project. In addition, the Class of 1962 is having a "mini-reunion" and there is interest there in donating. Again, we all agreed that we are anxious some work can be done on the dome to preserve this valuable artifact.
4. Aside from another letter needed for the Mass. Historical Commission, we have no update on the JB or Mary D. renovations. We were unable to contact Shannon Regan as she was out of office last week.
5. Ken Ether noticed the "scenic road" sign on Millbury street. He wonders why we don't have "Entering the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor" signs other member towns have. He has been talking with the new Visitor's Center. He is also checking on the cast iron sign that was located on Malvern Road and Rte. 12. It should have been replaced by now.
6. New Business: Ken is on the committee for the renovation of the Drury Square area, and noted the dome is within that area. We hope that will assist in the renovation.
7. Sari reminded everyone of their obligation to complete the Ethics course.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:24