



Wakefield Historical Commission

March 22, 2022

Minutes of Meeting

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Chair Nancy Bertrand at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Dan Benjamin.
3. **Public participation** not dealing with the Floral Way Path was called for. Seeing none, the Commission moved on to the next item.
4. The **minutes of the February meeting** were unanimously approved.
5. **Floral Way Path.** Town Engineer Bill Renault presented a powerpoint presentation on his plans for modifications to the pathway along the Floral Way, adjoining the Old Burying Ground. His plans sought to address erosion issues into Lake Quannapowitt, handicapped accessibility issues, and Floral Way planting enhancements in a way that was consistent with preserving the historical integrity of the Floral Way. The Commission discussed these plans, and heard from Peter Scott, past chair of the Historical Commission and present representative of the WCNA, along with Town Councilor Ed Dombroski, and members of FOLQ. The new material for the pathway was discussed, along with the restoration of historically appropriate fencing of the Old Burying Ground, along with some security issues. After discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the plans of the Town Engineer, with thanks for his hard work and to the community members who helped to bring this matter to the Commission's attention.
6. The restoration of the **Americal Roof** was discussed. The Commission unanimously voted that the skylights on this important National Register-listed building be restored.
7. **Other matters:**
 - Dan Benjamin would like to see the cannon displayed during the Bicentennial restored and replaced on the Common.
 - Frank and Gene would like to see more affirmative publicity for the work of the Commission.
 - Jen had researched some pricing for historic house markers and found them well above the prices charged by the Commission's late vendor for the markers. No replacement vendor has yet been found. Fran may have a volunteer to make the blanks. More research and work on the house marker issue needs to be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next meeting: April 26th.

