

MIDDLETON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Date: 8/5/2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Chair: ANNE COTE

IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Cote, Pike Messenger, Bob LeBlanc

MINUTES:

From Agenda:

Update on Historic Plaques Project: Richard stated in an email that he met with John Hardacre, Interim CTAE Coordinator from Essex North Shore Agricultural School and he said he could make the plaques for the Historical Society out of weather resistant vinyl and charge the Society with just the materials. He also has requested that we place one order for all the plaques needed.

Update on placing the Tramp House and Old Town Hall on National Historic Register. Anne is still researching the requirements and the process to get both sites registered.

Update on M Tyler walking stick. Pike Messenger and Anne discussed the final wording for the plaque and will present a draft at next meeting when more members are present.

Update on Middleton 300th Anniversary plans. Town would like to have 9 members on this committee for this very important project that would include the school dept, the historical society, the veterans of the town. Anne was in communication with Jackie about potential prospects.

Update on Watkins Book reprinting: Richard has made great progress on the reprinting of The Watkins Book of Middleton. He has received five quotes for reprinting ranging from \$1,395 to \$3,995 see attached quotes.

Update on the Bark Tanning Mill. Pike hasn't received any further communication from state and was going to reach out once again and see if we can move forward. The current owner seems interested in selling or for possible other financial considerations the property to Middleton. This dialogue is in it's infancy at this point and nothing has been directly communicated with either party.

Update on Ingalls Cemetery Project: Pike has sent a letter to obtain permission from the adjacent homeowners for access to the cemetery as the wetlands are not a viable option. He will hopefully have feedback from Johnathan & Ellen Best that will allow us access to the cemetery. Letter was sent on August 4th to the landowners.

Update on "Old North Liberty Street" project: signage discussed and will seek financial assistance from Middleton's CPA along with other projects that may qualify.

Reviewed May meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS OR UNANTICIPATED TOPICS:

1. Discussion on having a sign on Anne's property with information of the trail that led to Boston.
2. Discussed the missing Sheldon Plaque from Mt Vernon/ King St stone. Possibly have town replace.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16, 5:00 PM

CLOSE MEETING: 6:00 PM

Bob LeBlanc 8/5/2025 Clerk

