



Marion Village Historic District Study Committee | Town of Marion
2 Spring Street
Marion MA 02738

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Minutes of August 4, 2023 meeting

Attending: Steve Swain, Will Tifft, Margie Baldwin, Dan Crete, Eric Dray (consultant on phone), Meg Steinberg, Jeff Wagner (*The Wanderer*)

Not present due to online technology failure: John DiSalvo, Jill Pittman, George Morton

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30. Quorum present.
Voted to approve minutes of July 13 meeting.
2. Discussion of date for public meeting. Concerns that summer residents won't be here in September outweighed by need to prepare thoroughly and that some may in fact still be here. Tentative date of Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 set. Will to confirm a location (preferably Music Hall) and apprise Select Board of possible conflict with their schedule.
3. **Next meeting of LHDSC: Thursday, August 10, 4:30** instead of 5:30 to stay on schedule, at Police Station.
4. Discussion of Survey Results: Will reviewed large response rate and noted that 30% were in full support, 29% supportive but wanting more information, and 17% not supportive. Eric explained process for submitting Preliminary Report to MA Historical Commission and Planning Board, including the bylaw, justification for bylaw and boundary justification. After 60 days, a Public Hearing is then held. Highly recommended to gain Planning Board and Select Board support.

Suggested to present current status/update to Select Board **now**, including summary of positive survey results, invitation to public meeting in September. Will to arrange this and let us know when.

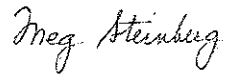
5. September meeting strategy: Eric agreed to do the major part of the presentation: History, photos, maps, handouts, explanation of LHDs in MA, "who does it affect and what does it mean." Will to then summarize survey results. All in effort to gauge public opinion before deciding what level of review would be most feasible.

For August 10 meeting, Eric requested each of us assemble photos of "lost Marion" examples that he can use in presentation. All present agreed to look through books for good examples. Also, Will to prepare draft of Survey Results presentation with graphs, etc.

6. Preliminary Study Report: Eric will do this in the fall for us. He asked Will for confirmation of deadline for Warrant items to be submitted (likely March 1), with tentative submission to Select Board by February 1.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Steinberg".

Meg Steinberg