

ERVING HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes of meeting on 7 March, 2017

Pearl B. Care Building

1. Commissioners present: David Brule, Sara Campbell, Eric Duffy, Carol Gregory, Cyd Scott. Not attending: Brad Peters, Jack Rice.
2. Minutes of January 3, 2017 accepted unanimously. No meeting was held in February.
3. Jane Urban, Erving Elementary school librarian, and Sara Campbell local historian, present proposal to bring elementary students on a field trip to the Care museum. They will visit the building on **March 14 at 1 PM** to do a scoping and planning session. The students will visit the museum on **March 28 between 9-12**. Details will be worked out during the planning session: students have been focusing on the 1870 census and professions present in Erving Center; 3 groups of 17 students are likely.
4. Duff received a call from the Senior Center concerning a donation of an object/artifact display case. EHC will be receiving the case. Also, the fire Dept still wishes to donate its vintage 1952 pumper truck. Discussion around how to store it along with the horse-drawn pump now in the cellar of Care Building.
5. David and Cyd led a brainstorm on the signage for the new Usher Park relating to tribal presence at the confluence of Kee-up Brook and the Millers. Points made:
 - a. Can we make the deadline of April 1. DB notes he has been trying to reach the Usher committee to get formatting, size requirements other information since January, with no response.
 - b. Interpretive signs do not need dense narration, but rather bullet points for a quick read.
 - c. The tribal village image supplied by the Nipmuc Nation will be at the center, with capsules on the borders containing bullet points on 4 subjects: Millers Watershed map and reference to topography, Lake Hitchcock impacts + Paleo-Indians following the glacier; cultural and historical information about the Nipmuc and Abenaki original inhabitants; an interpretation of the Indian village drawing using numbers, etc; profiles of known information about the early tribal individuals Jack and Kee-up.

Adjourned at 8:30