

July 27, 2023

MERRIMAC HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Place: Merrimac Historical Museum, Inc.
34 West Main Street
Merrimac, MA

Time: Thursday, July 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Larry Fisher, Herbert Cressey, Jeff Hoyt, Yvonne Cosgrove

- Minutes from the May 25, 2023 MHC meeting were unanimously approved as written.
- The committee discussed characteristics that constitute an historical property. Such characteristics include the age of the property, significance of individuals who live/lived in the property, homes that have a 'story,' etc. Commercial buildings will be identified based on the significance of these properties in our community.
- All information about historic properties submitted by Jeff are being digitized on official Massachusetts Historical Commission forms.
- A motion was made by Yvonne, seconded by Larry, and unanimously approved to expand the mission statement noted on our website, which will read, 'The Merrimac Historical Commission works to document, record, and preserve Merrimac's rich history. It addresses major development and growth issues, such as promoting smart zoning, encouraging renovation and adaptive reuse as alternatives to demolitions of historic properties to ensure that growth can coincide with the protection of the historic assets of the town.'
- The next meeting of the MHC is scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Cosgrove, Secretary