Lenox Historical Commission meeting, Jan. 10, 2018

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Jan Chague, Lavinia Meeks, Suzanne Pelton, Cindy Weiss

Visitor: Mark Smith, Historic District Commission

1. The December meeting (no minutes), dealt with the consultants for the town’s comprehensive historic preservation plan, Olga reported. Peter Benton and Elizabeth Watson explained their work program. During the week of Feb. 5, the consultants will come to town and meet with stakeholders. The focus will be on natural resources, cultural resources, etc. In early April there will be a follow-up of their findings and another meeting with focus groups as well as a public meeting. In June the consultants will present a finalized draft. Public outreach is important so people understand what is happening. How historic resources fit into town growth will be included in the consultants’ report. The Historical Commission’s task is to help inform what the consultants are doing and gather history for the endeavor.
2. Concern was expressed about the renovation of the historic house at the corner of Church/Franklin streets (the roof slope, the porch). Mark said the design for the renovation was approved by the Historic District Commission. He will follow up on what is being done to the house.
3. Westinghouse plaque: Suzanne presented the wording for the town center streetlights: “Westinghouse Streetlights/ The Westinghouse Streetlights are reconstructions of ones given/ in 1913 by pioneering inventor/ George Westinghouse/ Lenox resident 1890-1914. Donor names need to be added at the bottom. The plaque will be embedded in the sidewalk close to the light at the corner of Walker and Church streets.
4. Cemetery sign at Church on the Hill: The HC will need to go to the Selectmen for approval because the proposed sign will be in a public way at the back of the parking lot. The sign could be at an angle with the cemetery map on the back. HC members will get the final wording and the proposed design of the sign from Olga and Suzanne.
5. Town historic plaques: There was discussion of where to put the 3-4 remaining plaques. Members will make recommendations on where they should go.
6. Office clean-up: Olga suggested a half-day clean-up once a month to clear out the office. The next clean-up will be on Mon., Jan. 29, 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting will be on Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.