Lenox Historical Commission meeting, April 12, 2018

**Present:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Olga spoke to Jill Fisher, our National Register consultant, two weeks ago. The reworked narrative about the town historic district was sent to Olga and has been forwarded to all Historical Commission members. The final narrative should be ready in about a week. Any corrections should be sent to Olga.
2. Westinghouse plaque: Suzanne presented a mock-up of a 21 ¼" x 15 ½" plaque. She mentioned two possible spots for the plaque at the corner of Housatonic and Church streets. The size of the plaque was discussed. It will be a bronze plaque mounted on a large rock by Ray. If we change the location from the previously chosen Walker/Church Street spot, we will need to speak to the selectmen and the DPW. Suzanne will contact the plaque company and find out usual dimensions of plaques and a possible layout. Ray will measure the existing Kennedy Park sign for comparison.
3. Date plaques for Historical Buildings: Olga suggested that we provide two more plaques to building owners pro bono; any further plaques will be paid for by owners. Possibilities for the two: the Winstanley Partners building and the O’Brien’s Market building. Others who might buy a plaque: Belvoir Terrace, Osceola, Amadeus House.
4. Cemetery map: There was discussion of the placement of the map sign and where to put a second sign drafted by Suzanne that describes the Church on the Hill cemetery. This would replace or supplement the wording already agreed to for the larger cemetery sign. Suzanne would like to add another grave/name to the cemetery map: Julius Rockwell (1880-1907) who was a U.S. Congressman and was married to Lucy Walker. It was noted that the Walker family plot is shown on the map. Also, she pointed out incorrect name spellings: Koussevitzky (z, not s, but there are alternate versions in use); Annie (not Anne) Haggerty Shaw, and Grace Osterhout (not Osterhut). Paterson, Eggleston, Oliver Root, and Elijah Northrup are Revolutionary War veterans, and that should be noted on the map since the Civil War veterans are marked with a star.

For the next meeting, members will do a final review of information on the map. Jan will talk to the map designer, Bart Arnold, to find out what is involved in changing spellings on the current version and how to mark Revolutionary War veterans. Suzanne moved that the map be on the front of the sign and the cemetery description on the back. The motion was tabled until the next meeting. Suzanne will look up what notation is used for the Continental Army. Discussion of the cemetery map will continue at the next meeting.

1. New business: Suzanne pointed out that Historical Commission membership is still incorrect on the town website. Olga will check with the town to make sure the corrections are made.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 10 at 4 p.m.