Lenox Historical Commission meeting, May 9, 2019

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Jan Chague, Ray Kirby, Cindy Weiss, Lucy Kennedy

1. The minutes of Feb. 14, 2019 were accepted.
2. Lavinia Meeks has withdrawn from the HC. The current commissioners (Olga, Jan, Ray, and Cindy) are remaining for a year, and Lucy Kennedy, a former member, has applied to rejoin.
3. Westinghouse streetlamps: The two bases that Benton Brook Metals painted last year need to be reworked because of spots caused by condensation. These bases will need a new top coat. When the weather is suitable BBM will paint all eight streetlamp bases.
4. Cemetery map: Kate Hixon, the graphic designer, is not free until May 20, when she will resume the project and make a mock-up of the Church-on-the-Hill cemetery map.
5. Westinghouse streetlamp plaque: We are waiting on Mr. Atwood, who will pick up the stone base at a construction company in East Lee and take it to his shop, where he will insert the plaque. He will then place the stone in its downtown location.
6. Historic property inventory: Lucy has taken photos of houses in the Taconic/downtown area and on Old Stockbridge Road. She also has photos of “endangered” houses. Olga would like to add photos of the yellow house on West Street near Main Street and the Mahanna house barn. Lenox Dale also needs to be added. Form B write-ups are needed, and the consultants may be called on for architectural details.
7. The demolition delay /affirmative maintenance presentation to the selectmen: The selectmen expressed an interest in a list of priorities, which we could give them and later expand as needed. The presentation could also include information from the application for the national historic district designation and the consultant’s report on historic preservation planning. The benefits of historic preservation for tourism should be included in the presentation. The Mahanna barn could be used as an example of what is needed (standards, design review). Olga would like to get on a selectmen’s agenda before the town meeting in November. Lucy suggests presenting to the Planning board first, in June.
8. National historic district designation: The state historical commission has yet to review our plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be June 14, 2019 at 4 p.m.