Lenox Historical Commission meeting, May 14, 2020

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Cindy Weiss, Lucy Kennedy, Jan Chague

The meeting was held by Zoom due to the coronavirus shutdown.

1. The minutes of April 9, 2020, were approved.
2. Historic House update: Discussion of whether to add the Kemble Inn, which is for sale, to our list of houses to keep under watch. We will follow up on the Blantyre renovation project status. 17 West St. looks like it is falling apart; what is its status?
3. Neil Larsen, historical consultant, was sent a check for work done to date on the survey of Lenox historic buildings. Olga has not heard back from him lately about the survey or his revision of our National Register application to the Mass. Historical Commission.
4. Demolition Delay and PermitEyes: no news. Gwen is going to call Dineen in the building inspector’s office to see what is going on about getting demolition delay added to the electronic building permit system.
5. East Street school: No new information about its possible re-use. Jan is in contact with Phil Considine, a neighbor, and will contact him again.
6. Church on the Hill Cemetery sign: A sign maker in Sheffield has sent some prototypes of signs. Olga has them. She will send them to the rest of us electronically.
7. Walking tour handouts: This project depends on what happens this summer in Lenox (coronavirus). On hold.
8. Benefits of/restoration of old houses: Discussion of the resource page sent around by Cindy. Jan suggests that our publication have testimonials from people who own old houses. We discuss the possibility of filming a video of people talking about their old houses; maybe a project for a high school student? Olga will call Diane Romeo’s daughter, an art teacher, to see if we could find a student.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Next meeting: June 11, 4 p.m.