

LHC November 2016

Present: Olga Weiss, Jan Chague, Harriet Wetstone, Cindy Weiss, Lavinia Meeks, Jill Fisher, Lucy Kennedy

Business:

(1) Minutes;

(2) Jill Fisher Form B's and photographs of additional buildings for Nat'l Register Application: Jill Fisher reports that she has reviewed work done to date with reference to suggestions from Betsy Friedberg of MHC; center of Lenox to be considered all one district; A Form A is being done for the entire area, does not do deeds and other details for each building as does Form B, but does include an architectural reading and other descriptions of designated buildings; discussion of what should and should not be included, e.g. Tucker St, Fairview, Hillside, Taconic; cut off date for inclusion in 1923

(3) Nat'l Register designation; scheduling informational meetings, confirm dates; Form A must be completed before holding public information meetings

(4) Westinghouse lamps...informational plaques, update; LM confirmed with Nini Gilder who suggested plaques should read:

“Replica of the 1913 crook neck street lamps by George Westinghouse (1846-1914)”

Research to be done re creating placques which will be wrapped around the lamp poles

(5) Historical plaques...4 more delivered, 6 placques remaining: potential candidates: Kantor House, built 1765 -already has a historic marker, but not from LHC; additional house on Franklin, also has an 1823 marker, but not from the LHC

(6) Action plan for two grants being offered by the state:

a) having to do with military matters, two potential projects, one is confirming whether the Lenox Militia used what is now Trinity Church's green as a mustering field; the other project is to make sure that the Monument which was hit in an auto accident summer 1916, is still sound below ground and to repair if needed.

b) second grant from Mass Historic Facilities allows for education, one idea would be renovations to the town hall meeting room which has really difficult acoustics and lighting; another project would be to check the integrity of the mound at the Church on the Hill; yet another would be the mining tunnels under ground, Ore Bed being the entrance`

(7) Letters to the CPC in support of the Mount and Ventfort Hall from the LHC. The Mount and Ventfort Hall have projects that need support in order to access CPC funds. Open Space and Affordable Housing as well as historical projects are categories for potential funding. LHC acts as catalysts for more major funding.

a) Mount is restoring the Carriage House, wanting to be able to have events year round; they are asking for funds to continue the restoration; begun Fall, 2015, hopefully to be complete by Fall 2017, current request for funding is for windows, etc (\$75,000) AGREED: to write letter of support.

b) Ventfort Hall has created a comprehensive plan for repairing structural failures, including dislodged stones and failing bricks, asking for the moment for \$30,000; proposal needs work however project is viable and meaningful; AGREED: to write letter of support

Meeting adjourned 5:27

Next meeting December 8th at 4:00