

Lenox Historical Commission meeting via Zoom, Nov. 12, 2020

Present:

Olga Weiss, Cindy Weiss, Lucy Kennedy, Jan Chague, Pat Jaouen. Kim Duval, guest.

1. Housing inventory: Reviewed.
2. Seminars: W reviewed recent seminars members have attended. Olga attended a Mass. Preservation meeting on abandoned houses.
3. #1 West Street, Olga mentions as an important vista and wants to approach the land trust to try to get it preserved. (The historic plan cites open vistas.) The building rights would need to be purchased or tax relief might be a tradeoff for keeping the vista from development. Jan suggests we attend the next land trust meeting. The land trust has written a letter against developing the land.
4. East Street old schoolhouse: Jan has sent several emails to the owner but has not received responses.
5. Cemetery sign: Olga heard from the designer, Kate Hixon. GHI, Canaan, CT, the first company contacted to prepare the sign, quoted \$2,500 - \$2,900. Another company bid \$2,500 - \$3,000 depending on site conditions. Hixon recommends the latter but has not named the company. Jan suggests we find out the name of the company to do a background check.
6. CPA application: Lucy has filled out an application for matching funds for Form B inventory, walking tours, etc. Members will review it before she sends it.
7. National Register application review: Jan responded to the questions of the Mass. Historical Commission. Members reviewed the application questions.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.