Lenox Historical Commission meeting, Feb. 14, 2019

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Jan Chague, Ray Kirby, Cindy Weiss

Guest: Jim Biancolo

1. Minutes for Nov. 15, 2018 were accepted.
2. Brushwood Farms deterioration: Olga suggests we go to the next Selectmen’s meeting with the list of three or four buildings in the northern gateway district that we believe need a demolition delay and affirmative maintenance designation because of their historical significance. The building inspector has sent two letters to the owner of the deteriorating Brushwood Farms with no response. Buildings we are concerned about: Brushwood Farms and other buildings nearby and across the street.
3. Westinghouse streetlamps plaque: The plaque is ready and the stone to mount it on needs to be acquired.
4. House plaques: No action was taken because Lavinia Meeks has the information and she was unable to attend.
5. Legend for the Church on the Hill cemetery map: The map sign is big enough, according to the designer, to hold both the map and the write-up about the church. We will evaluate this once the designer presents a mock-up. The commission reviewed all the names and write-ups on the cemetery map for accuracy and wording. Additional information is needed for some entries.
6. Refinishing the Westinghouse streetlamp bases: Jim Biancolo reported that Benton Brook Metals completed two and will do more when the weather improves. The two that were done had a top coat condensation problem that will be repaired.
7. Jim and Christy Cordova, the information librarian, are working on the George H. Tucker “A History of Lenox” from the 1930s, which is in unpublished, manuscript form. It is being scanned and digitized. Additional material that Tucker had gathered but did not incorporate into the manuscript is being integrated. Jim is seeking the HC’s input on public interest in the manuscript and whether it should be published and in what form, digital or print.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.