Lenox Historical Commission meeting, Oct. 24, 2019

**Present:**

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

1. The minutes of Sept. 25 were accepted.
2. Demolition Delay bylaw: Lucy has a short PowerPoint presentation for the Nov. 7 Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen will endorse the ordinance in the town meeting mailing. We are fourth on the agenda at Town Meeting. Lucy suggests all HC members send out emails to friends the week of the meeting to encourage support for the ordinance. Lucy reported on a recommendation from the Mass. Preservation meeting about creating a packet on selling historic homes for realtors. (this may be something to do in the future; not much time before this meeting).
3. Brushwood Farms has applied for a demolition permit but was denied because it was not filled out properly. The owner has requested information and Olga sent it about the history of the property.
4. CPC funding proposal: Lucy has written a proposal that $250K be set aside as a revolving fund for preservation of historically significant buildings. The plan would be to use funds for external stabilization and not remodeling the interior. Brushwood Farms would be used as an example. We need a discussion with George Hashim, the owner, about selling it to the town for $1 for the rehab and buying it back with a preservation lien. Olga and Cindy will draft a proposal to the CPC for funding for a historical consultant.
5. Cemetery sign: Jan and Olga have made corrections. Olga asks for others to review it.
6. National Register status: We still have not heard from the commission about the status of our application.
7. Shakespeare & Co.: Olga will suggest a tour of the property on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.
8. Endangered houses: The building inspector would like a list, but the ordinance has a different process. We will send her a list of houses over 75 years old.
9. Certified Local Government program membership: Mass. Historical Commission has a preferred list for funding of HCs that are members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.