

Lenox Historical Commission meeting, April 9, 2020

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Cindy Weiss, Lucy Kennedy, Ray Kirby

The meeting was held by conference call due to the coronavirus shutdown.

1. Minutes of Feb. 3 and March 12 were considered. Item 9, March 12 correction: Bill Gop (spelling). Both minutes were then accepted.
2. Lenox historic house watchlist update: Historic Kemble Inn is on the market. 211 Main Street appears to have some activity around it.
3. Budget: Our consultant on the inventory of historic Lenox, Neil Larsen, would like to get paid for what Marissa Marvelli, his partner, has completed so far (50% payment on the project, or \$4,000). Olga will send the invoice to the town for payment.
4. Demolition delay bylaw: The state attorney general has approved it and the ordinance is official. Its incorporation into PermitEyes, the town's building permit electronic system, has not been done. Lucy will follow up with Gwen Miller about this.
5. East Street School: Olga emailed Phil Considine to see if there was any response about a meeting with the owner.
6. Cemetery sign: No change. Olga will be in touch with Bill Gop about the cemetery sign and other signs we would like to erect about town history.
7. National Register status: Neil Larsen will revisit our application next week.
8. What our role is in overseeing the historic estates zoning bylaw: Discussion of Blantyre's ZBA application to renovate and expand. Lucy has raised concerns about the vista being encroached by new buildings and whether windows on the estate design were too contemporary. Olga will ask Gwen and Chris Ketchen whether we would be able to have a historic consultant look at the plans on behalf of the town.
9. Brochure of benefits of owning an old house: We will continue to gather materials for a possible brochure for realtors. Cindy will email to members a page of examples of what some other towns have done with web pages.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Next meeting: May 14