

Members

Samuel D. Obar, Chair
Christine M. Cochrane, Vice Chair
Kathleen A. Birtwell
George B. Ransom
Roger F. Turner, Jr.
Melissa Totten, Associate

**Walpole Historical Commission**

Walpole Town Hall
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081

The Walpole Historical Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Walpole Town Hall, Room 116.

The following members were in attendance:

Samuel D. Obar, Regular Member, Chair
Christine M. Cochrane, Regular Member, Vice Chair
George B. Ransom, Regular Member
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Regular Member

The following members were not in attendance:

Katie Birtwell, Regular Member
Melissa Totten, Associate Member

The following guests were in attendance:

None

Chairman Sam Obar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Correspondence**

The Mass. Historical Commission sent a letter stating that Roger F. Turner, Jr. was not selected as the recipient of the Preservationist of the Year Award.

A resident sent a letter asking for permission to place a geocache at the Bird Family Memorial Area near the former Endean Mansion. Mr. Obar will look into how much control the Commission has over this site.

- **Open Forum**

Nobody attended from the public to speak.

- **Old Business**

Christine Cochrane said the Old Town Hall Re-use Committee intends to have final recommendations for the re-use of the former police station by the time of the Spring Town Meeting. The re-use committee's next meeting will be in November.

- **Barn Survey**

The letters will be sent out. George Ransom is ready to receive responses.

- **Other items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance**

Several members said it is important to recruit new people to join the Commission. Mr. Ransom suggested that associate members need to be given engaging projects so that they feel that their participation is important.

- **Adjournment**

Mr. Ransom made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Mrs. Cochrane seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0-0.