



# TOWN OF WINCHESTER HISTORIC COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 2025 - 4:00PM

Town Hall – 338 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Blue Room

Deborah Kessler – Chairman  
Lynn Kessler – Vice-Chairman  
Lauren Dombrowski  
Stewart Pollens

Steve Dew  
Virginia Shultz-Charette  
Carl Benedict

Hamish Lutris  
Sheila Sedlack – Historic Advisor  
Steve Vaill – Historic Advisor  
Esther Dew – Volunteer Secretary

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2) Agenda Review
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Approval of Previous Minutes: August 7, 2025, regular meeting
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Development of social media presence
    - i) Kimberly Ann Herrington Harwinton Land Trust – Discuss online presence
  - b) America's 250th participation (Hamish)
    - i) What events or topics to focus on
      - (1) Collaborate with SOMO October 25 Winchester Center -- Discussion
      - (2) Revolutionary War Event – Collaborate with Beardsley Library
      - (3) DAR collaboration/discussion (Revolutionary War Fashion Show “Dirty Blue Shirts”)
  - c) Freedom Trail Updates (Ben Cruson)
    - i) National Freedom Trail
  - d) Wayside Sign Review -- **Incomplete Signs**
    - i) All signs in development -- Lynn
  - e) Vacancies/New Member Discussion
    - i) Welcome Carl Benedict
    - ii) 1 vacancy remains
  - f) Historic Preservation and Fire Safety Conversation – Deb
  - g) Discussion of Local Historic Designation Process (Deb)
  - h) Town Hall Presentation – August 20, 7 PM, Hicks Room (Stewart Pollens)
- 7) Subcommittee Reports
  - a) **Historic District Creation (Steve and Lynn)**
    - i) Dairy Queen Renovations Discussion
    - ii) Map overlay from Goulet Printing
    - iii) 10 Bridge Street
    - iv) Areas of interest to expand existing districts and/or buildings
    - v) Other
  - b) **Underground Railroad Research (Virginia)**
- 8) New Business
  - a) Holiday Celebration - ???
- 9) Upcoming Events
  - a) Constitution Day September 20, 3 PM, Tort Law Museum – Program Pending???
  - b) What A Glorious Crash They Made – Music Program, Winchester Center Congregational Church, October 25, afternoon (time TBD)
- 10) Adjournment

**Next regular meeting – October 2, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**