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TOWN OF WINCHESTER

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 4:00PM**

**Town Hall – 338 Main Street – 2nd Floor – P. Francis Hicks Room**

**Deborah Kessler – Chairman Steve Dew Hamish Lutris**

**Lynn Kessler – Vice-Chairman Virginia Shultz-Charette Sheila Sedlack – Historic Advisor**

**Lauren Dombrowski Carl Benedict Steve Vaill – Historic Advisor**

**Stewart Pollens Esther Dew – Volunteer Secretary**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Previous Minutes: September 4, 2025, regular meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business
	1. Development of social media presence
		1. Kimberly Ann Herrington Harwinton Land Trust – Discuss what wayside info to send
	2. America's 250th participation (Hamish)
		1. What events or topics to focus on
			1. Day of Service 4/18/26 -- Discussion
			2. Revolutionary War Event – Collaborate with Beardsley Library and Soldiers’ Monument
			3. Tentative discussion Revolutionary War Fashion Show “Dirty Blue Shirts” – TBD spring 2026
	3. Freedom Trail Updates (Ben Cruson)
		1. National Freedom Trail
	4. Wayside Sign Review
		1. All signs completed and submitted – Lynn
			1. Discuss actual locations for signs -- (see Excel spreadsheet)
	5. Vacancies/New Member Discussion
		1. Welcome Carl Benedict
		2. 1 vacancy remains – Lynne to make application???
7. Subcommittee Reports
	1. Historic District Creation (Steve and Lynn)
		1. Map overlay from Goulet Printing
		2. Areas of interest to expand existing districts and/or buildings
		3. Contact Todd Levine SHPO -- (emailed x 2)
	2. Historic Preservation and Fire Safety Conversation – Deb
	3. Discussion of Local Historic Designation Process (Deb)
		1. Other
	4. **Underground Railroad Research (Virginia)**
8. New Business
	1. Holiday Celebration – December 11 Noujaims 7PM combined with Soldiers’ Monument (Dutch treat)
		1. NEED HEADCOUNT for reservation -- spouses/SO’s invited
9. Upcoming Events
	1. What A Glorious Crash They Made – Music Program, Winchester Center Congregational Church, October 25, 4PM – see flyer
10. Adjournment

**Next regular meeting – November 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**