

Buckland Historical Commission
June 27, 2023

Attending:

Members: David Parrella, Mike McCusker, Polly Anderson, Sandy Cardinal, Mary Dearborn, and Pat Schmidt

Called to order at 9:00 am

Minutes accepted

Item Number One

In May, David placed an ad in the recorder to utilize the National Preservation Trust Grant. By the deadline of June 16, he received 2 bids from SWCA Environmental Consultants and Clark and Green. David and Mike reviewed and selected SWCA due to their association with U Mass, experience doing similar evaluations, and cost. They recommended SWAC be hired to access Elmer's mill as follows:

- Identify resource
- Evaluate
- Protect
- Possible next steps in public education

The payment will be provided by the \$2,500 approved by the Buckland select board and an anonymous donation of \$5,000. Combined with the matching funds available from the National Preservation grant, a total of \$15,000 is available for the project.

The following motion was made and approved:

1. The Buckland Historical Commission delegates to the Buckland Historical Society the project for Elmers Mill, including the hiring of consultant and the completion of a final report to commission with the results of the research.
2. The contract will be between the Buckland Historical Society and SWAC.
3. The final report will inform the Commission concerning:
 - a. Future efforts to educate the public about the industrial history of the Clesson Brook drainage.
 - b. Completion of the requisite MHC forms for designation of the site for a possible nomination for the National Register of Historic Places
 - c. A model for site recording that will inform future efforts to designate an Historic District in Central Buckland (a.k.a. Upper Buckland).

There will be a zoom meeting with Madeline Helmer, team leader and Vice President of SWAC tomorrow.

The pursuant of a Historical District will be the mission of the Historical Commission

Item Number Two


The request for comment on a tower enhancement on the tower in Buckland State Park off Bray Road was discussed. The tower provides a repeater signal for the State Police barracks

on the Mohawk Trail. An investigation by Mike McCusker and David parrella revealed that there were no historic resources that would be displaced by the proposed project. It was moved and voted no comment was required.

Next meeting was set for July 25, 2023 9:00 at Library.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia Schmidt