

Minutes
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Watertown Lower Hearing Room
7:00 p.m.
Adopted April 10, 2014

Historical Commission Members Present: David J. Russo, Donald Berg, J. B. Jones, Marilynne K. Roach, , Elisabeth H. Loukas, Susan T. Steele

Member(s) Absent: Thomas Melone

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Patricia Mihelich

David J. Russo chaired. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Informational Discussion – Athena Health and their purchase of the Arsenal property. **Carolyn Reckman, Athena Health and Larry Beals, Beals Associates Inc.**

Carolyn Reckman, Athena Health, Todd Morey, Beals Associates, and Robert Damien, a Historian consulting for Athena Health presented to the Commission Athena Health's ten year plans for the Arsenal campus which consists of 29 acres and 11 buildings. They plan to expand the green space by building another parking garage, add features to the campus to promote a healthier environment and open up the campus to the public. Damien discussed the strategic process regarding the interpretation of the Arsenal history.

2. 2014 Preservation Awards

After some discussion the Commission asked that Mihelich contact the Commander's Mansion staff for available dates after Memorial Day weekend.

3. February Minutes – Approved

4. Discussion on adding historical information to Town's GIS database.

Gideon Schreiber, Senior Planner for the Town of Watertown may have a GIS intern that may be able to help with Watertown's GIS program.

5. Old Business

Russo, Roach and Hayward are meeting with Daedalus on Friday March 21 at the Arlington Cemetery to choose the stones in dire need of restoration. The Town Manager has been allocated funds to restore the stones in the cemetery based on discussions of the Town Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.