

In Attendance
June 8, 2026

In Audience:
Carol Heim
Silas Ball
Patricia Duffy
Maureen Ippolito
Don Robinson
Julie Shively
Cynthia Thomas
Tom Hankinson

7 pm
Susan Lynton first Pass the Minutes
Anne Schuyler Seconded
All in favor –
Ann T abstained

Carol joined at 7:06

Meeting of the Historical Commission June 8, 2026, 7 pm Town Hall and on Zoom
In Attendance – Carole DeSanti, Susan Lynton, Susan Mareneck, Anne Schuyler, Ann Tweedy

Community in Attendance:
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The meeting began at 7 pm
A motion was made to approve minutes of the May Meeting – three approved, one abstention.

This meeting was set up to seek community input on the Field Museum building to determine a way forward to both repair the envelope of the building and discover a future use of the building.

Members of the former Ad Hoc committee on the Field Building and SB members Hankinson and Duffy shared input on the findings.

It was determined that a two phase process was the best approach with Phase One addressing the urgent repairs and rehabilitations needed for the painting, roof and chimney and the Phase Two would be discovery of a use for the building.

SB member Hankinson mentioned funding sources available for Phase One.

Activity surrounding repair would be a way to show the community that something is happening and potentially inspire uses for the building.

It was determined that addressing the deteriorating paint could be a good first step by hiring professional lead paint remediation and removal services or replacing the old clapboards with new ones so volunteers could paint in the future.

A group of volunteers formed at the meeting will help draft proposals for funding by obtaining estimates for lead paint removal and remediation and clapboard removal and replacement as well as other estimates.

All of the research, commissioned studies and SOI guidelines are on a flashdrive with the Town Administrator.

Leverett Historical Society rep Julie Shively reiterated that the organization are caretakers of the artifacts and holdings and are willing to help where needed as a source for nonprofit grant funding.

Carole DeSanti shared that the Leverett Cemetery Association is in favor of applying the grant fund towards the Beyond The Gravestone organization's offer of educational volunteer training at North Cemetery for stone cleaning and restoration and maintenance

The Industrial History tour with the Society for Industrial Heritage is rescheduled to July 18th.

Susan Mareneck motion to adjourn

Seconded Susan Lynton

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm