

Medway Historical Society
Meeting Notes
June 16, 2026
Ide House

Historic Huddle

Annmarie said it was great. She got information about window restoration. A lot of the towns are doing things for the 250th. Philadelphia will be ringing (actually tapping because of a crack) the Liberty Bell on July 4th and other towns are being encouraged to ring their bells too. We could reach out to the churches to see if they can ring their bells. It will happen at 2:50pm eastern. We could put it on our Facebook page and encourage local churches to ring their bells. We could encourage people to ring any bells they have and post pictures/videos. Ring the bell 13 times at 2:50.

We are doing the next huddle on September 19th. Plainville had about 50 people. We can use the program room at Ide. The Plainville huddle started with a share out about what programs everyone is doing. They were suggesting an opportunity to share programs in different towns. So, we need to plan what we want to share when we host. We could do a grant writing/finding workshop. The Home Depot Foundation donates materials. Mass Historical List Serve has a listing of grants. We could create a handout about finding grants for the people who attend. We could ask people to bring a reference they feel is very valuable to them to share with the group.

We could put a survey out via email with the invitation. We can include a tour of the house and some information about the house and the restoration. We should all continue to think about what we could do. We will devote time at the July meeting to planning.

The meeting about Sanford Dam was positive. There was a grant that could be used to either fix the dam or do a study. The decision was to do another study. The findings from the study will be given to the town.

Ide House

The hope is to have the museum open early September.

There are two small areas that still need work at the house.

Museum Sign: The design for our sign is done. The pastor from the Village Church who designed it did a great job and was very helpful in doing the paperwork for the design review process and the CPC fund request. The Selectboard has approved the design.

We will get to invite members to meetings soon. We can also Zoom people in. This will start in September.

The Website: It looks great. Kathy added newsletters and a few pictures. Below that is a newsletter archive so we can put the old ones there too. On the front page Kathy is going to create a link for stories. Coming up we need to think about the page that would have click throughs for events, programs, etc. We can start advertising “coming soon” events for the fall. Kathy will need pictures and blurbs. We have tons of pictures on the hard drive of our laptop. They are not digital.

History of Medway talk at the Willows is July 29.

Monthly programs

Cemetery, Veterans Day Program, and House Tour. We need to get the houses identified by September.

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