**Brimfield Historical Commission**

**Meeting notes: 8/5/21**

Present: Adrienne Bachand, Mike Defalco (via TEAMS), Bob Corry, John Curtis, Susan Overbey, and Sue DeBruin

Absent: Mark Conners

1. **Book Project Update:**

* The publisher will assist with layout to reduce the final cost
* There are two additional charges: copyright and obtaining an ISBN number
* No per book price yet
* $1,000 in donations, estimated $1200 deficit for initial publishing
* Need publicity and selling venues, and a book launch when it comes out
* Discussed donating two books: library and elementary school
* Hand number books to make unique
* Discussed selling each book for $15
* Susan made a motion to elect Mark Conners as our BHC financial contact who will keep track of our finances. Motion included moving BHC funds not to exceed $1200 to the book project account. Second motion by Bob Corry and all were in in favor.

1. **Gazebo Update:**

* All intermediate steps have been taken regarding the grant to fund the gazebo and town common enhancements
* A four page bid with photographs has been created and sent to Todd Smola and his mom for review. Will need to keep cost of the gazebo under 50K.
* Our point of contact is Sharon Ashleigh who will work with Marie Arsenault
* Money from Cumbies and Norcross will be returned to the town
* 50K designated for town common- decorations (work with BCP), war memorial, sign about common.

1. Susan volunteered to write **the annual report** for the BHC on our official letterhead which will be brought to the next meeting.
2. Discussed locating a **scrapbook on Charles Streeter** that was purchased in 2013.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm made by Sue, and second by Bob