**Brimfield Historical Commission**

**October 7,2021**

**Meeting Notes**

*Present: Mike DeFalco, Sue DeBruin, Mark Conners, Adrienne Bachand, John Curtis.*

*Guests/potential members: Roseanne and Mike Bergdoll*

1. **Book Project Update:** Mike presented a sales report from each of the locations where the book was sold: Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield Library, and The Apple Barn . Approximately 50 books remain. Discussed donating books to elected officials and the school library. A motion was made by Mark to donate 3 books to the elected officials who contributed to the book, and Brimfield Elementary School. Adrienne and John 2nd the motion and all present were in favor. We also discussed sending thank you letters on our letterhead to those who sold books for us. One book was placed on Ebay to guage interest.
2. **Gazebo Project Update**: Bob and Mark went to Ellington CT yesterday for a mandatory meeting of interested vendors to look at the gazebo on the common. Skips and Kloter Farms attended. They have until November 6th to submit their bid, at which time we will hold a special public meeting to examine and discuss the bids, and ultimately choose a vendor. Installation will be April 2022. We discussed the multiple grants that have been awarded to various town boards for improvements on the common and concerns were expressed that there is no plan for the common and perhaps our Historical Commission should take a stand on preserving the appearance.
3. **Living Histories**: There are approximately 40 oral histories taken in the 1980’s and our 12-14 video histories conducted to date, that are all preserved in the library. Will follow up with Bob on his planned round table interview with tornado victims.
4. **Cemetery Tour** idea presented and Sue D would like to adopt this as a project. The concept was explained and approximate timing discussed. Identification of subjects and script writing is underway.
5. **New Business**: Discussed the replacement of windows in the town hall using storm windows. It’s not historic, but discussed how modern improvements to historic buildings is sometimes necessary. We also discussed and looked at the Brimfield Reconnaissance Report from 2007. Mike will send the PDF to all.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm*