

CHILMARK HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Select Board and the Residents of the Town of Chilmark:

The Historical Commission held five hybrid meetings in 2023 to allow members of the Commission and the public to attend in person at the town hall or remotely via Zoom from their homes.

After 20 years serving on the Commission, long-time member Stephen McGhee stepped down in the spring. The Commission was pleased to receive a request for appointment in December from Katie Carroll, whose family is an integral part of the Town's history.

The Historical Commission spent some time this year creating an inventory of historical items in the Town's collection. Historical items are already placed in several of the Town's buildings and more displays are planned for the coming year, including the Rasmus Klimm collection donated last year by his family. The Commission plans to hire an archival assistant to keep the Historical inventory up-to-date.

The Cemetery Commission joined the Historical Commission for a few of its meetings to discuss a variety of topics including graves on Nomans Island and Abels Hill Cemetery maintenance. The Historical Commission supported the Cemetery Commission's request for CPA funds for gravestones restoration at Abels Hill Cemetery.

In recognition of her substantial role in preserving the history of the Town, the Historical Commission voted to award long-time member Jane Slater with the Historical Commission Award in the fall.

The Historical Commission appreciates donations of pictures and relics from the Town's history. Please contact the town hall if you have any items you would like to be included in the historical collection.

Respectfully submitted,

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