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The January 31, 2024 meeting of the Ludlow Historical Commission was held at 6:30 pm in the downstairs hearing room at Ludlow Town Hall.

Members present: John Moll, Karen Pilon, Betty Kibbe and Chip Harrington. Guests in attendance were Debby Lemay of Patriot Hydro LLC, members of the Wilbraham Historical Commission-Chair Roberta Albano, vice chair Charlie Bennett and secretary Peter Ablondi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Debby Lemay talked about the Red Bridge Hydro Electric Station, the collapse and fire at the end of August 2023. Built circa 1900, they are demolishing and making safe what is left. There is potentially asbestos present. Owners Patriot Hydro's goal is to rebuild the power plant. They will possible consult with both Ludlow's and Wilbraham's historical commission's input on designs for rebuild.

Secretary's report was read and approved with Chip making the motion and Betty seconding.

Old Business:

250th photo backdrop is just about done with "First Night" celebrations on February 24.

Annual town report is done.

Charles Rood Monument-DPW moved it to the front of the First Meetinghouse.

New Business:

Karen has a friend interested in cellar holes around the Springfield Reservoir. Around 1875 about 12 homes were taken by the Springfield Water Commission along West Side Dr. in preparation for the reservoir. Several of those cellar holes are still accessible through the forested trails and overgrowth.

Next meeting to be determined as needed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm made by Chip with Betty seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pilon