

**Middlesex Canal Commission
Billerica Section
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025**

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CANAL COMMISSION

Members Present: Dick Hawes, Shayne Reardon, Alec Ingraham, Debra Fox

Visitor: Andrew Jennings

Meeting Opened: 3:01 P.M.

Minutes: Read and approved by Dick, second by Shayne

Treasurer's Report: Presented and examined, approved by Dick, second Shayne

Agenda:

Lowell Street: There has been no response from the Town about mowing along Lowell Street. The flower boxes are reaching the end of their season. Mums are next, maybe.

High Street: No mowing by Town there either

FORTT: From Andrew- Most of the progress has been made on the Chelmsford Section connecting the Bruce Freeman Trail to Lowell.

Signs: No damage to report. A 3-part sign – suggested by Marlies Henderson – has 2 parts (an arrow and a Lincoln Lock designation) completed. The third part is “on order”. The Historical Commission paid for the 2 parts of the sign that are completed. The larger one will cost \$260.

Either Marlies and Brian Henderson will install the sign or the Billerica Section will pay Sign Effects to do the job.

The Floating Towpath Sign near 2 Old Elm Street needs anchor posts, and along with the Lund Bridge Sign, will be reinstalled when construction on 2 Old Elm Street is completed.

2 Old Elm Street: Report from Dick that the elevator has been installed and work will be completed by the end of September.

Canal Historic District: A suggestion by Marlies to add a Canal Historic District to the existing Billerica Historic Districts - This would consist of contacting the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Canal is already a National Register District but the boundaries and structures would have to be identified, then a vote by Town Meeting, to add it into the existing districts commission.

Talbot Mill Dam: The BHDC voted not to remove the dam. Since NMCOG had sided to remove it, they cannot be involved in the appeal. Steve Stowall of Lowell has been appointed an independent judge.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

The next meeting is November 12, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Location TBD.