



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bob Ferrara (BF), Bill Klauer (BK), Alissa Nicol (AN) - Clerk

Guests: Anne Forbes (AF)

Absent: Victoria Beyer, Bill Dickinson - Chair (BD)

BF moved that BK act as Chair for purposes of this meeting in the absence of Chair BD, AN seconded. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0. Acting Chair Bill Klauer called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

I. Regular Business

1) Review of meeting minutes from September – Meeting minutes from the AHC's September 14th meeting were reviewed; BK moved and BF seconded a motion to approve the minutes; the minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 3-0.

2) Citizen concerns: AF asked status of hearing for 457 Mass Ave, informed by commissioners that application was withdrawn; asks if commission has been notified of the RFI for "acquisition and redevelopment" of 3 and 13 School Street (civil defense bldg and parking lot adjacent to 9 School St), Town has declared 3 School as surplus, but hasn't done so for 13 School, pay attention to potential acquisition of 7-9 School as the owner with approved permit to build 6 unit residential may not proceed with that project

3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL?: 5 Strawberry Hill Road, previously discussed to take no action on application for variance as it doesn't impact building/structure

4) Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road update: no update

5) Archaeological By-Law Update: BF noted that Attorney General has not ruled on; BF has contacted Kimberley Connors to have on contact list, will draft a contract, working with Barb Rhines on this

6) 53 River Street Update - BK noted \$1 million grant awarded by Office of Dam Safety; BK notes that project is still awaiting MHC response

7) Status of converting CRL to MACRIS - no update

8) Demo Delay status: 27 Martin Street - BF reported no new activity; will suggest that owner reach out to HDC for list of contractors who've worked in Acton, and also DRB for advice

9) Historical Marker Requests: no update - 713 Main St, 12 Wheeler Ln, 198 Central St, 189 Main St, 41 Maple St, 140 River Street, 7 Pope Road

II. New/Special Business

- 1) Review demolition permit for 4 Nashoba Road** - Hearing has been scheduled for November meeting by Bill Dickinson; BK noted that a walk through needs to be scheduled, assumption that BD will coordinate with applicant and commissioners
- 2) CPC project status review** - BD has completed notes for CPC project status review form sent by Planning Dept; BF notes that CPA funding application deadline is November 14th; BK notes that he'd like the Morrison Farm building, Woodlawn Chapel, and the Robbins property to be placed on National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District (see item 3)
- 3) Adding Robbins Parcel to Woodlawn Historic District form** - AF noted that Woodlawn Cemetery area form includes the Robbins property - alarm stone, well, and cellar foundation (Ice House Pond is part of this), this must be put forth to MHC, put in CPA application for funding, consult with Ben Haley, new information to area form needs to be added (last updated in 2009) and included in budget; BK will draft application in time for 11/9 meeting to discuss; Morrison Farm has already been evaluated and found to be eligible for National Register; BK noted that Woodlawn Cemetery has also been found to be eligible; AF urges seeking help from Barb Rhines for budgeting (estimates \$10K for cemetery, will need a quote from contractor)

III. Consent Items - None

BF noted that we've been asked to select a rep for 250 Committee, suggested we wait until November to discuss when all members are present

Adjournment

AN moved and BF seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:07 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

September 14th, 2022 minutes, MACRIS Area Form for Morrison Farm, CPC Project Status Review Form