



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bob Ferrara (BF), Bill Klauer (BK), Alissa Nicol (AN) - Clerk, Barb Rhines (BR) - Planning Division, Victoria Beyer (VB), Fran Arsenault (FA)

Guests: none

Absent: none

Opening

Chair Bill Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

I. Regular Business

1) Review of meeting minutes from May – Meeting minutes from the AHC's June 8th meeting were reviewed; BK moved and BD seconded a motion to approve the minutes; the minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

2) Citizen concerns: 189 Main Street owner requests a plaque; 41 Maple Street owner requests a plaque; (these residents received the recently mailed flyer); BR notes that HDC has requested a project tracker on Google sheets, and she has created one for HC which includes demo delays and plaque requests. Dean Charter has emailed the commissioners re: the creation of a committee to organize commemorative events for the 250th anniversary of April 19, 1775 and asks for collaboration. BD will respond with our pledge of support.

3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL?: 115 River Street (not on CRL) received permit at Select Board meeting on July 11

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

5) Archaeological By-Law Update: BR is drafting now rules and regulations, commissioners will need to review, draft will be presented at our August meeting for

comment and revisions will be made; we are still waiting for AG approval following passage of Town Meeting; website will have link to bylaw; we need to find out from Duncan Ritchie of PAL when MHC needs to be notified when bylaw is triggered; Planning staff will incorporate online tracking system for permitting; comments from Finance Committee will be reviewed; will additional application for CPA funding be explored for further investigation if a find is made? Commissioners agree CPA is not ideal source, instead Town funds or foundation or fundraising; BR checked in with new Memorial Library Director during meeting with rep from PAL about contract to display Pine Hawk artifacts, perhaps the display will be moved to more prominent location

6) 53 River Street Update - nothing to report; 53 River Street Committee has received MOA, BD will check in with Andy McGee to find out when it will be sent to commissioners for review

7) Status of converting CRL to MACRIS - BR reports that since postcards have been sent out, link to MACRIS needs to be posted to Acton website, and commissioners need to figure out how to reconcile lists and get corrections made to MACRIS, BD suggests a site visit might be needed

8) Demo Delay status: 27 Martin Street - BF reached out to Kim Amaral to connect as liaison, suggested being in touch with Design Review Board; HDC just rewrote their Demolition Guidelines, but these are more in depth than we require; liaison role is to touch base

9) Sign Requests: 713 Main St, 12 Wheeler Ln, 198 Central St - BR will follow up, these residents have reached out because they received a flyer

10) Outreach Flyer status - BR reports that postcards have been mailed to all MACRIS homes (except those in the Historic Districts and non-residences)

11) Looking for house plaque manufacturer - BR met with Meg Nichols today, sign maker, \$62 was old price, but Meg's price will be higher; Meg will do a sample; BR will meet with at least one more prospective plaque maker

II. New/Special Business

1) Demolition delay status: 457 Massachusetts Ave - homeowners not present; in 2018, 12 month delay was imposed; homeowner never applied for a permit from Building Department; BD notes that AHC should not have issued the demo delay without applicant having applied for permit first; planning advises that commissioners could honor the intent of the 12 month delay, acknowledging that more than 12 months have elapsed, or could enact a new 18 month delay

2) Knox Trail documentation (area form) - no update

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment

AN moved and BK seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 8:58 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- June 8, 2022 minutes