



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bill Dickinson - Chair (BD), Bob Ferrara (BF), Alissa Nicol - Clerk (AN), Barb Rhines - Cultural Resources Planner (BR)

Guests: Anne Forbes (AF)

Absent: Bill Klauer

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

I. Regular Business

1. Review of meeting minutes from April - BF moved to approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting, VB seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen concerns - BR noted that a resident from 115 River St sent in an email asking about CRL and forwarded to BD

3. Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL? none

4. Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road update - BD has prepared applications for landscape architects, but has not sent them out yet, will reach out to Mike Gendron, new Conservation Agent, now that Tom Tidman has retired

5. Archeological By-Law implementation update - commissioners reviewed final draft of rules and regulations, BD moved to approve the "Archaeology Bylaw: Preservation of Archaeologically Significant Resources Rules and Regulations" AN seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously; BF is prepping the slides for the brief discussion of the bylaw that will follow the talk at the Memorial Library, and BD agreed to present; BF mentioned that 3 archaeologists are lined up/pre-qualified by commissioners to be contractors for this work, BR will check in about getting them set up with Town as vendors, and commissioners will vote to approve list at next meeting

6. Status of converting CRL to MACRIS - BR noted that interviews have been conducted for Cultural Resources Intern position; 20 hours/week work will be to reconcile two lists, an excel list will be created using GIS, the Intern may be able to visit

property to confirm that the structure exists, take photos, AF suggested that Intern could help complete “continuation sheets” to add to Inventory Forms

7. Under demo delay: 27 Martin St - no updates from BF, AF noted some neighbor concerns about state of property and want to know what progress has been made, commissioners guess that about a year has passed in 18 month demo delay; AF also noted that 20 Stow Street is on market, 4 rental units in home on CRL

8. Historical Plaque Applications: no new applications

9. National Register application for Woodlawn Cemetery - wait until next meeting to hear update from Bill Klauer

II. New/Special Business

1. Concord Road Historic Corridor update - BD will attend HDC meeting on May 23 to propose idea of Historic District and get feedback; BR noted that the HDC has already looked at list of Concord Road properties in question and discussed whether they have capacity to do work required

2. Acton 250 Committee update - BF and AN reported on committee planning of speakers and articles for the years leading up to the 250th, and noted logo design contest is open to all, deadline June 9th at 5:00 PM

3. Wheeler foundation bench proposal - Land Stewards have plans to install a bench near foundation, VB suggested getting input from Linda McElroy

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment

AN moved to adjourn and BD seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 8:57 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

April 12, 2023 minutes

Archaeology Bylaw: Preservation of Archaeologically Significant Resources Rules and Regulations