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## ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019  
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Room 126

AHC Members Present: Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH), Brad Maxwell (BM), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK), Katie Greene (KG) – BoS Liaison

1. BD called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. Citizen's Concerns: Robert Sekuler expressed concern that the Lake Nagog archeological survey written by PAL had not been made public or uploaded to the town's DocuShare. BD explained that it was not a public document and although the AHC was asked to comment on its conclusions, it could not be publicly discussed in this meeting. KG said she would check with Town Counsel to determine if it could be discussed in an executive session of the AHC.
3. BM provided an update on the proposed changes to the Chapter N Demolition Delay By-Law reviewed by town counsel and other town staff. KG asked Brad to write up a summary of the proposed By-Law for the April 1 Town Meeting warrant. Brad will plan to present this to the Board of Selectmen at one of their February meetings. A discussion followed in which it was recommended that the Acton Historical Society and the AHC engage in a campaign to publicize and promote the new By-Law using their meetings and newsletters.
4. BK reported no additional ZBA/Planning projects appearing on their web site for properties on the Cultural Resource List. DH will review the ZBA meetings and agendas for possible CRL building activity in the future
5. DH provided an update on the CRL/MACRIS grant proposal to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and the 50% matching funds proposal to the Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey and Planning Dept. BD contacted the Public Archaeological Laboratory

(PAL) to discuss costs. DH reported that the MHC approved the initial application and requested a full proposal by February 11. VB will contact the CPC to see if they can provide the required letter from the CPC indicating provisional acceptance of the proposal and intent to fund of the matching \$10,000 required in the full MHC application.

6. The 53 River Street project was reviewed by BK who summarized an engineering study by the state on the condition of the dam – it is leaning and has cracks in the 1935 concrete work but was not conclusive as to structural integrity. Anne Forbes and BK will continue work on the area historical site form.
7. BD will schedule a walk-through of the 32-34 Elm Street property that the developer Mark Gallagher is looking to partially demolish.
8. Copies of the Mass. Historic Preservation Planning Manual were handed out. All members of the AHC were encouraged to read and understand it.
9. A reminder was issued on the need for all AHC members to finish the Conflict of Interest Law training and send the completion diploma to the Town Clerk.
10. The individual undertaking the renovation of the Wright (Silas) Holden House (Michael Capizzi) asked the AHC on how best to organize a celebration for this effort. BD will write him saying we will support his efforts and invite him to our meeting.
11. BD will write the annual AHC contribution to the Town Report
12. The December minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doug Herrick*

Cc: Town Clerk  
Town Manager  
Historic District Commission