



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021
7:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: Bill Dickinson (BD) (Chair), Bob Ferrara (BF), Doug Herrick (DH), Bill Klauer (BK), Victoria Beyer (VB), Dean Charter (DC) - (Select Board Liaison), Alissa Nicol (AN), Brad Maxwell (BM)

Absent:

1. Opening

Chair William Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and read the procedures and agreed-on policies the Town developed for these web-based Zoom meetings.

2. Regular Business

- 1) **Approval of May Minutes** – The meeting minutes from the AHC's May meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.
- 2) **Citizen Concerns:** David Honn, chair of the Historic District Commission, had questions about the town's new part time Cultural Resource Planner tasked with providing communication and coordination services among the town, AHC, and HDC. The AHC has not been contacted by Selby about the role or expectations for the hire. David also suggested that the Chapter N Demolition Delay be listed on the AHC web site. BD said he would follow up with the IT group. Anne Forbes had a question about the \$10,000 CPC item in the Town Meeting Warrant. BF explained the purpose was to fund one-day archaeological surveys for permits requiring historic investigations. It was also stated that the posting of AHC minutes was not up to date. DH said he would send all approved minutes to the Town Clerk.
- 3) **Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL:** DH stated that he had reviewed the meeting agendas and hearings of the ZBA and recognized only one: significant changes to the historic buildings at 90 Willow Street as part of a new development. David Honn suggested we write a letter to the Planning Board expressing our concerns. It was voted



unanimously to do so.

- 4) **Bridge Project between Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and TTT:** Nothing to report while we wait for formal approval of the funding at the June Town Meeting.
- 5) **Archaeological By-Law Update:** BF briefed the group on the latest edits, changes, and discussions regarding the draft that continues to move forward. He discussed his discussions with Town Counsel and reviewed the change in how the by-law would be triggered: now the process of opening the permit vs. the former size of the parcel itself.
- 6) **Historic House Plaque Requests Update: 292 Central Street, 14 Maple Street, 93 Harris St., 29 Windsor Ave., 21 Willow St., 24 and 26 River St.:** All of these plaque requests were discussed. Most were approved, and VB will follow up with the applications and the production of the plaques once the manufacturer, Bob Leonard, gets back to her.
- 7) **53 River Street Update and Site Walk:** DH and BK updated the group on the June 5 site walk. Representatives from the parties involved reviewed the current state of the project. It was agreed that the AHC would write a letter of support to the MHC regarding the final Gray and Pape intensive archaeological investigation findings.
- 8) **Status of Converting CRL to MACRIS:** No update, although Anne Forbes expressed concerns about the location and status of the original hard-copy inventory forms.
- 9) **Update on 19-21 Maple Street** – There was no update for this issue but it is generally believed that the Select Board supports the final recommended plan.

3. New/Special Business

4. Consent Items - None

5. **Adjournment:** At 9:29 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of May 2021