



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
July 14, 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), Alissa Nicol (AN)

Absent: Brad Maxwell (BM), Fran Arsenault (FA) - (Select Board Liaison)

1. Opening

Chair William Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. and read the procedures and agreed-on policies the Town developed for these web-based Zoom meetings. Now that the Mass. Legislature has extended the open meeting pandemic rules about using Zoom vs. in-person meetings, the AHC will continue with Zoom meetings indefinitely until there is consensus about returning to in-person meetings.

2. Regular Business

- 1) **Approval of June Minutes** – Meeting minutes from the AHC's June meeting were reviewed, a typo was identified, and were approved unanimously by a vote of 6-0.
- 2) **Citizen Concerns:** BF reported that the Nagog Pond inflow pipe work was almost complete, and the de-watering of the pond bottom related to the work would not take place.
- 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: a definite subdivision application for 74 Main Street that incorrectly identified this 1900 house on question 23 of the application as not having historic significance. This building is actually listed on the Massachusetts Historical Commission database of historic buildings (MACRIS) as well as the Acton Cultural Resource List. Under the circumstances the AHC needs to review this application, which needs to be corrected. DH will email the Planning Department with this feedback.



- 4) **Bridge Project between Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and TTT:** Nothing to report while we wait for formal notification of the June Town Meeting-approved funding from the CPC.
- 5) **Archaeological By-Law Update:** BF is waiting for a response from Town Counsel requesting a meeting to discuss recent edits. It was agreed to send our final draft to the MHC, which appears to want to manage both the process and language for developing this Acton by-law.
- 6) **Historic House Plaque Requests Update: 292 Central Street, 14 Maple Street, 29 Windsor Ave., 21 Willow St., 24 and 26 River St.:** All of these plaque requests were discussed. All were approved, and VB will follow up with the plaque maker, Bob Leonard, to get an update on the status of the orders.
- 7) **53 River Street Update:** BK updated the group. The June meeting of the 53 River Street Committee was cancelled, and the effort is on hold while we wait for the MHC's response to the Gray and Pape report and the beginning of the Section 106 process.
- 8) **Status of Converting CRL to MACRIS:** No update.

3. New/Special Business

4. **Consent Items - None**
5. **Adjournment:** At 8:38 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously 6-0.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of June 2021