



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bill Dickinson - Chair (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Bob Ferrara (BF), Fran Arsenault - Select Board Liaison (FA), Barb Rhines - Cultural Resources Planner (BR)

Guests: Ken Dow (KD)

Absent: Bill Klauer (BK)

Chair BD called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

I. Regular Business

- 1. Review of meeting minutes from October 11** – BD moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting and VB seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Residents concerns** - none
- 3. Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL?** – none reported.
- 4. Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road** - no update.
- 5. Status of converting CRL to MACRIS** - no update.
- 6. Under demo delay: 27 Martin St** – Demo delay will expire in 3 days on November 11, 2023.
- 7. Historical Plaque Applications: 328 Pope Rd.** no update. **504 Main St.** The Acton Woman's Club submitted their HDC application for historic marker placement.
- 8. National Register application & CPC Application for Woodlawn Cemetery (CPC due 11/20):** The committee reviewed the draft that KD had prepared. Several suggestions were made and the consensus was to request \$15K. BR captured the revisions and will forward the updated copy. KD and BD will look at final edits and BD will submit on or before November 16. The committee thanked KD for his work on preparing the draft.

9. Concord Road Historical Corridor update - BD plans to meet with Cory York and Mike Gendron about the Concord Corridor concept being proposed.

10. Acton 250 Committee update –A second lecture coming on November 13 in Room 204 by Mary Fuhrer on everyday life in Acton in the 1770s. An Acton Center Tour is planned for December 10 with Amy Cole. Still more to come!

11. Archeological By-Law implementation – BF and BR plan to meet next week to include information about the bylaw on the HC website <https://www.acton-ma.gov/102/Historical-Commission>. VB noted that the Town is being approached by the CPC to place the CPC funds for Preliminary Assessment in a non-expiring account of the town's budget.

12. Update on Weatherbee Woods/Sterba Curtain Array. – BF met with Jim Shields, a former head of Draper Labs, and they both now believe the antennas were only for ham radio operation.

II. New/Special Business - None

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment: VB moved and BF seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously at 8:50 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting.

1. October 11, 2023 Historical Commission draft minutes
2. DRAFT 2024 CPA Application Form-- Woodlawn Cemetery.docx
3. CRM estimate for Woodlawn Cemetery NR Budget 2023.xlsx
4. Woodlawn Cemetery-ACT.802-Macris Inv.pdf