



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

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

Guests: Mike Holm, Joey Rink, Thomas Buckborough (TB)

Absent: Ken Dow (KD)

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

I. Regular Business

- 1. Review of meeting minutes July 10** – VB moved to approve the minutes of the July 10 meeting as written. BD seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Residents' concerns** – BK noted that his wife believes the large brick building - the Powder Mill Stables – was torn down without a hearing. The probable address is 2 Powdermill Road. BR will check.
- 3. Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL?** – None
- 4. Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road** - No update.
- 5. Status of reconciling CRL to MACRIS (barn captures)** – No update.
- 6. Under demo delay:** None.
- 7. Historical Plaque Applications:** None.
- 8. National Register application & CPC for Woodlawn Cemetery update:** BD noted the funds have been approved to hire a firm to prepare the Woodlawn Cemetery National Register Application. BD will send out request for quotes to possible vendors.
- 9. Concord Road Historical Corridor update** – No update.
- 10. Acton 250 Committee update** – BF and BK noted a new poster that was just created for all 250 events planned through the end of calendar 2024. BF will forward this poster and the new Friends of Pine Hawk fall schedule to the HC members. All the past

and planned upcoming 250 events will continue to be posted on the Town web page at <https://www.actonma.gov/250>.

II. New/Special Business

- 1. 8:00 Demolition Delay Hearing: 358A Great.** There was discussion about whether the barn (at 358B) is included in the 358 address. BD moved that the barn at 358 Great Road is under the jurisdiction of chapter N (Demo Delay Bylaw). VB seconded and it was voted unanimously. BD will send a letter to the Planning Dept on this action.

BD called a public hearing to order at 8PM. TB distributed copies of drawings proposed for changes to the house at 358A. He has lived there for 15 years, but no longer owns the barn at 358B. After the discussion of the plans, BD moved that the HC will not impose a demo delay on 358A, owned by Thomas Buckborough. VB seconded, and it passed unanimously. BD will send a letter to the Planning and Building Depts. It was noted that the barn may be renumbered to 356 Great Road in the future.

- 2. Scenic Road: review proposed stone wall relocations along Taylor Road for sidewalk.** The Town is moving stone walls back a few feet in stretch of Taylor Road. BD will respond to the request for comment that the HC has no issues.
- 3. Discuss/review new historic marker signmaker.** Other signmakers are being considered.
- 4. Acton History page for HC or Town website.** BD suggested a possible future project to pull together Acton historical documents/resources even more effectively than today.

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment: BD moved, and BK seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously at 9:24 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting.

1. Minutes of July 10, 2024 meeting of the Historical Commission