



MASSACHUSETTS 01720

ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2018
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Room 126

AHC Members Present: Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH), Jaye Oman (proposed member), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK), Brad Maxwell (BM)

1. BD called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
2. There were no Citizens' Concerns.
3. BK reported no additional ZBA/Planning projects appearing on their web site for properties on the Cultural Resource List.
4. DH reported on the CRL/MACRIS grant proposal and RFP. KG had forwarded the RFP to the new Town Manager, John Mangiaratti, for comments which were forwarded back to DH. DH will send out the RFP to the Mass. Historic Preservation listserv and draft two grant proposals before the November deadlines. One, for 100% of the funding amount, will be proposed to the CPC. The other, for 50% matching funds, will be sent to the MHC Survey and Planning Dept. It is estimated that each survey will cost around between \$250-\$300 and the total proposal amount will be around \$20k - \$25k.
5. The 8:00 pm Hearing for the Demolition Application for 4 Piper Lane was held. Approximately 26 neighbors, abutters, and concerned citizens attended and voiced a variety of concerns against the scale, height, and appropriateness of this 40-townhouse development. There were no comments in support of the development. Because neither the owners (Brian and Susan McGoon) nor their representatives showed up, and the AHC was unable to gain access to the building to conduct an assessment and walk-through, the hearing was continued to the next AHC meeting on November 14. It was agreed that DH would draft some talking points on the Commission's views and send them to BM who in turn would edit and forward them to BD to

send a letter to the BoS expressing the AHC and concerned citizens' reservations about the project and process.

6. BM provided an update on the proposed changes to the Chapter N Demolition Delay By-Law reviewed by town counsel and other town staff. At this point it was agreed to get this final version on the warrant for the December Town Meeting.
7. Jaye Oman has offered to serve as a member of the AHC Board, and once interviewed by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee will officially join the Commission.
8. The 53 River Street Master Planning Committee is looking for input and comments on the types of surveys and inventory forms for their CPC application. BK and Anne Forbes agreed to update the MACRIS form to include the dam and other mill-related features on the site.
9. BD agreed to follow up with a phone call on the issue of offering comments on the archaeological investigations started for a fence at the Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant. Since the AHC has no historical archaeologist to participate in the assessment, there is no role for us.
10. The September AHC Minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herrick

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Historic District Commission