



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019
7:30 pm
Town Hall, Room 121

Present: Brad Maxwell (BM), Jaye Oman (JO), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK)

Absent: Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH),

1. Opening

Chair Bill Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. He introduced the new potential member Robert Ferrara

2. Regular Business

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the AHC’s May 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 4-0.
- 2) Citizen concerns: Ann Forbes questioned the state of 53 River Street and it was discussed that nothing had progressed at the site since putting out a request for bid on an engineering consultant.
Further discussion entailed regarding 17-21 Maple Street and the requirement for inventory forms and if the coal bins were of any historical value. Further discussion in July was recommended.
- 3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL: DH was absent and this was not discussed.
- 4) Cultural Resource List update – Status Report: DH provided a list (in absentia) of 70 properties for PAL to consider for inventory forms. JO and BD will have a meeting on June 14th with PAL and will update from there.
- 5) Demolition Delay By-Law – Status Report: BD will meet with Frank Ramsbottom to coordinate compliance with the new by-law provisions. The Mass. AG needs to approve before proceeding with the new regulations.

3. New/Special Business



- 6) Discuss bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT: BD to find approvals for construction. A citizen attending the meeting, Jim Synder-Grant, has had previous experience with the idea of connecting the two trails, concerns include the scope of the project and possibly encouraging bikers into the TTT.
- 7) Discuss feasibility of an Archeological By-Law: In 2009 the Town of Acton conducted a GIS survey finding sensitive areas of Acton, the current bylaw discussion is reboot of the idea that was tabled ten years ago and never made it to the Town Warrant. Other towns in MA have updated their laws, and inspiration can be taken from them. It was noted another big difference is the cooperation of the relatively local Narragansett Tribe.
- 8) Discuss 90 School Street application. – The commission agreed a letter should be written to the Massachusetts Historical Commission requesting a Section 106 review of the application. The South Acton Neighborhood Association will provide advice as to the effect on national register buildings, including but not limited to the view.
- 9) There is a desire for a walkthrough of the Assabet River Trail/Trail Thru Time/etc by Kimberly Connors-Hughes. To be discussed at next meeting.
- 10) New plaque locations have been submitted to the Town Managers office.

4. Consent Items - None

5. Adjournment: At 8.41 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of May, 2019