

ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019
7:30 pm
Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH), Jaye Oman (JO), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK)

Absent: Brad Maxwell (BM)

1. Opening

Chair Bill Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

2. Regular Business

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the AHC’s March 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 5-0.
- 2) Citizen concerns: Richard Damaino purchased 66 Maple Street at auction and wanted to discuss a demolition permit. A scheduled walk-through by the Commission members was arranged for April 16.
- 3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL: DH stated that he had reviewed the meeting agendas and hearings of the ZBA and did not recognize any historic properties for review. The Commission was aware of the two historic buildings found.
- 4) Cultural Resource List update – Status Report: DH reported that the CPC application for updating historic building survey records had passed Town Meeting and will follow up with BD on the PAL bid.
- 5) Demolition Delay By-Law – Status Report: Following the approval of the AHC-proposed changes to the Chapter N town bylaw at the April 1 Town Meeting, we will wait for the approval of the Mass. AG before proceeding with the new regulations.
- 6) 53 River Street Area Form – Status Report: BK reported that he and Anne Forbes had completed their site survey forms and he will submit them to the MHC.

- 7) Review inventory forms for town buildings: JO will take pictures of the town buildings proposed to receive historic plaques and mark them with the installation locations to help the town attach the plaques.
- 8) Review plaque placement on current buildings: JO will take pictures of the buildings already approved to receive historic plaques and mark them for installation.

3. New/Special Business

- 9) Review MassDOT project at Taylor and Piper Rd: The AHC will respond to a request for Section 106 comments of the intersection improvements for accessing Route 2. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to find “no adverse effect” on any historical resources for this project.
- 10) Discuss bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT: Requests have been received to look into a bridge over the Nashoba Brook to connect the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail at the Ebenezer Monroe pencil mill location with the *Trail Through Time* on the Conservation Land near the Boy Scout-provided kiosk. We will research funding options.
- 11) Discuss feasibility of an Archeological By-Law: BK proposed a review of an Archaeological Town By-Law to supplement Chapter N (historic building demolition). The issue was tabled until BM could attend and advise.

4. Consent Items - None

5. Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of March, 2019