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ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2010
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 121

AHC Members Present: Kimberley Connors-Hughes (KCH), chair, Anita Dodson (AD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Bill Dickinson (BD), Brad Maxwell (BM)

1. KCH called the meeting to order and commenced discussion on the upcoming hearing for 57 Robbins Street. KCH noted that the Historic District Commission (HDC) will be providing a memorandum/letter advising the Town. KCH discussed our demo delay letter with HDC. The Commission discussed and unanimously voted to send one or more members to the Board hearing to explain the Commission's view of how the barn fits into the historic fabric of the Town.
2. Next, BD reported on Diane Sergeij's (DS) progress with the Cultural Resource List (CRL) updates. While unlikely to finish by year's end, BD expects the work to finish soon, but we'll need to give some assistance with the priority and selection of the remaining properties to be updated. DS attended and delivered another substantial package of CRL updates, and confirmed that all the updates would be delivered electronically as well. DS will also send BD information about what payments have been made, and BD will send next round of comments to DS.
3. Next discussed were developments with the historic marker program. BM has discussed a follow-up article with a reporter from the Beacon, and Nina Overall agreed to talk with the reporter, as well. A new application was received for 105 School Street, and the Commission will review and make recommendations at its next meeting.
4. Discussion then turned to the Towne School, and AD reported on the letter of support for National Register listing. Christine Beard (Tremont Preservation Services) submitted the nomination form on behalf of the builder/developer. Bill Klauer (BK) noted in an email to KCH that the nonprofit builder/developer wants to meet with the Commission. KCH will contact BK to ask him to arrange the meeting, and to request a copy of the nomination form.
5. KCH then reported to the Commission about 17 Woodbury Lane / the "Asa Parlin House." KCH met with members of the HDC and finalized a plan for the stabilization and renovation of the house that will include (1) removal of all additions, (2) removal of all interior walls and second floor, to create a single, open room with high ceilings, (3) construction with a new, separate addition including an ADA-compliant bathroom and separately heated kitchen, and (4) construction of a new terrace area outside, to increase functionality and connect the Asa Parlin House to the Library and Town Hall. KCH noted that this plan was presented to the Board of Selectmen, who reacted very

favorably and ranked it second in priority among upcoming Town projects. KCH will coordinate with the HDC to submit an application to the CPC by the November 15, 2010 deadline.

6. The Commission next considered the preservation restriction proposed for the new Piper Road property. BM reviewed and had two suggestions, and will resend those suggestions to KCH to coordinate with the Town.
7. Minutes from the Commission's October 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Maxwell, clerk

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library
Historic District Commission