

Acton Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2012  
6:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

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AHC Members Present: Bill Klauer (BK), Bill Dickinson (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Brad Maxwell (BM) and David Clough (DC), the Commission's liaison to the Board of Selectmen

1. BK called the meeting to order. Minutes for the Commission's May 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. The Commission discussed the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail bridges in North Acton. BK noted that the bridges date to roughly 1910-1920, because that was the date that the original bridges were replaced. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the removal of the bridges to allow for rail trail construction, but to preserve any existing plaques on the bridges.
3. Next, the Commission turned to publicity for the historic plaque program. BD reported on pricing for post cards to advertise the plaque program. The Commission unanimously voted to move forward with purchasing the postcards and sending them to Cultural Resource List (CRL) properties. BPM will draft the text and obtain sign graphics from our sign maker. BD will obtain a bill from the printing company. VB will work on the CRL addresses for the printer.
4. BK then reported that the Planning Board meeting regarding the Central Street Planned Conservation Residential Community has been rescheduled for June 19, 2012.
5. Discussion next turned to the Asa Parlin House at 17 Woodbury Lane. The selected architect has begun a structural analysis and planning study, and met with the steering committee for the project (Dean Charter, BK and BD). At 7:30 p.m. tonight, the architect will hold an open meeting for public input on the project.
6. The Commission noted that paperwork was not submitted for preparation of the cemetery surveys, so we will reapply to the Community Preservation Committee in the future, perhaps this fall, when we wish to proceed with the surveys.
7. Next, the Commission unanimously voted for the same officers to continue in their current roles for the 2012-2013 term (BK as Chair, BD as Vice-Chair, BM as Clerk).
8. Finally, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the renaming of NARA Park to the "Nathaniel Allen Recreation Area" as proposed, and BK will draft a letter of support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Brad Maxwell, clerk*

Cc: Town Clerk  
Town Manager  
Town Library  
Historic District Commission