



Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2012
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

AHC Members Present: Bill Klauer (BK), Bill Dickinson (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Brad Maxwell (BM), Jim Chiarelli (JC)

1. BK called the meeting to order. First, Bill Mullin and Ann Chang came before the Commission to discuss proposals for the Morrison Farm, with an overarching theme of “living history” that ties together various historic elements of the immediate area, including the Robbins homestead area, the Morrison Farm area and the ice house foundation. The Farm Committee is also seeking the Commission’s guidance on how to integrate the Robbins homestead and ice house foundation. Bill is working with the Cemetery Commission to determine if a land swap may be possible. Bill also noted that the Farm Committee wishes to integrate the property at the corner of Great Road that was designated for use as an East Acton common, and to tie the Farm site into the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, as well. JC described for the Farm Committee that archaeological surveys would probably be required for disturbances to the farm and surrounding properties. BPM noted the Commission’s preference to preserve and integrate the historic elements of the site wherever possible.
2. Next, the Commission heard citizen concerns. Thomas Jonak attended the meeting and inquired generally about improvements to historic houses in Acton.
3. Discussion then turned to the historic plaque program and the Commission’s efforts to advertise the program. The Commission will continue reviewing photographs for the post card advertisement.
4. The Commission next discussed the Asa Parlin House at 17 Woodbury Lane. BD noted that the next scheduled meeting with the architect is November 16th, at which point the steering committee will get a better estimate of the projected cost and may need to resubmit the CPC application or continue to the next phase of approved funding.
5. The Commission noted that there is a new plan in the works for the Central Street Planned Conservation Residential Community and will continue to track the project.
6. BK reported that the owner of 33 Robbins Street has requested a release of the Commission’s demolition delay. No release is required because it has already expired. BK will inform the owner of the status.
7. Finally, the Commission unanimously voted to elevate JC to full membership. BK will inform the Board of Selectmen to make sure JC’s and BM’s status are updated accordingly, and will inform the Volunteer Coordinating Committee that the Commission is in need of two new associate members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk*

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
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Historic District Commission