

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2013
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

AHC Members Present: Bill Dickinson (BD), vice-chair, Victoria Beyer (VB), Brad Maxwell (BM)
and Jim Chiarelli (JC)

1. BD called the meeting to order. First, the Commission considered citizens' concerns. Anne Forbes (AF) attended the meeting and discussed the application for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding submitted for the Morrison Farm project. AF and the Commission discussed certain missing elements from the CPA application: (a) inventory forms for each of the farm, the alarm stone and the Robbins foundation site; (b) explanation of how the project will meet the Secretary of the Interior standards and guidelines for rehabilitation of historical resources; and (c) portion of requested funds allocated for historical elements of the project. The Commission unanimously determined to send a letter to Morrison Farm Committee that advises the Committee about the corrections that should be made to the application and recommends the commission of an archaeological survey of the project area. BD and BM will prepare and send the letter. AF also noted that CPA funding could be used toward rehabilitation of the existing barn on the farm property.
2. Next, minutes for the Commission's December meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
3. Discussion then turned to possible future plans for the Asa Parlin House at 17 Woodbury Lane. The Commission agreed that it would look to reapply for CPA funding next year, perhaps with an adjusted project scope that merely encompasses demolition and creation of the planned green space outside the building.
4. Finally, the Commission unanimously reviewed and approved text and selected a photograph for the postcard advertisements for the historic plaque program. VB will continue to finalize the electronic copy of the cultural resource list for mailing the postcards.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk

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Town Manager
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