

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2013
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

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

1. BK called the meeting to order. First, minutes for the Commission's March 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. The Commission next considered the historical plaque application received for 15 Barker Road. VB described the property features and dates recorded in our inventory form, and noted that they do not match with the application. The Commission voted unanimously that BM will write to the property owners/applicants to provide them with a copy of our inventory form and ask them to either reconsider the date requested on their application or else to provide documentation that substantiates their proposed date.
3. [The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 8:00 p.m. for the conduct of a public hearing on the demolition permit application for a barn at 100 Martin Street. After the hearing closed, the meeting recommenced.] Next, the Commission discussed the demolition permit application for a barn at 100 Martin Street. After consideration, including the unsafe condition and extensive damage by storms, a hurricane and other causes, as well as the owners' intent to rebuild a barn of similar proportions on the same footprint, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the demolition permit application. BK will write a letter to inform the Building Department of the decision and provide a copy to the applicants.
4. The Commission then turned to a recap of two items that were decided at Town Meeting, noting that: (a) the Morrison Farm project was not approved at this time; and (b) two additional associate positions were approved for the Commission, to be effected by an amendment to the Town Charter that will be approved at the next Town Meeting.
5. Finally, the Commission reviewed a request (and proposed form) from owners of 603 Massachusetts Avenue that the Commission accept a Preservation Restriction on the property. BK related that the owners originally asked the Historical Society, which declined. The Commission determined to invite the property owners to our next meeting to explain the background and details of the request, and also to invite the Historic District Commission to join the discussion, as the property falls within the West Acton Historic District. BK will respond to the property owners accordingly. JC will request a standard form of preservation restriction from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library
Historic District Commission

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Public Hearing – 100 Martin Street, Demo Permit Application
April 10, 2013, 8:00 p.m.
Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

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Members of the Public Present: Terry Maitland and Sima Maitland (applicants)

1. BK opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m., and noted that all notices were properly posted and sent.
2. The applicants explained the reasons for the proposed demolition (extensive damage from storms and other causes, resulting in an unsafe condition), as well as their plans for building a new barn structure of similar proportions (1 ½ stories) on the footprint of the existing structure.
3. The Commission reviewed photographs of the structure, and some members had previously visited the property.

The public hearing was concluded and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk