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Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013
8:00 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

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

Members of the Public: Mary Anne Ashton, Joe Will and Brad Graham

1. BK called the meeting to order and commenced discussion regarding the Morrison Farm project. Mary Anne Ashton (MAA) updated the Commission regarding a recent property tour with BK, Anne Forbes, Belle Choate and others, and explained what the Morrison Farm Committee (MFC) is seeking as far as a letter of support from the Commission. MAA noted that it recently proposed three things to the Board of Selectmen: (1) an archaeological survey of the Robbins house and ice house foundations, and stabilization of the Robbins cellar hole; (2) a trail from the parking area out into the meadow area; and (3) parking improvements at the ice house lot. In particular, the MFC seeks support for the two historical elements of the latest CPA application, which is due November 12, 2013. The Commission reaffirmed its approval of such a letter of support, and BK will send one to the MFC. Additionally, MAA confirmed that nothing is happening to the barn structure as part of this application.
2. The Commission is continuing its efforts to address and send the postcards to publicize the historical plaque program. BK will collect the postcards when addressed, and will determine how to handle the stamps needed to mail the cards.
3. VB next updated the Commission on recent CPC matters involving historical resources, including the South Acton Baptist Church and the Asa Parlin House. VB also related that, as a result of the annual CPA review, the Commission will be consulted in the future when questions regarding adherence to the Secretary of the Interior Standards are at issue and whether CPA project applicants must submit a new inventory form as part of their application.
4. Finally, the Commission handled new business, including responses to emails from the public and BK's upcoming walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery and its surrounding land.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk*

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
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