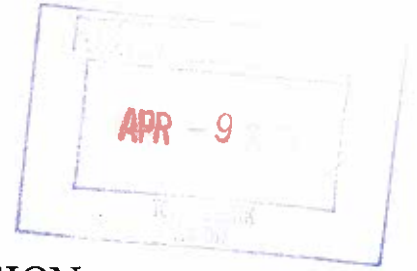




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ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2009
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 121

AHC Members Present: Kimberley Connors-Hughes (KCH), Victoria Beyer, Bill Klauer, Anita Dodson,
Brad Maxwell

1. KCH called the meeting to order and minutes from January 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. First discussed were the 2 demolition permit applications forwarded by Frank Ramsbottom. The first, dated 1/29/09, is for 50-56 Powder Mill Road; the second, dated 1/26/09, is for 54 Great Road. [Meeting temporarily adjourned for public hearing on proposed bylaws/amendments at 7:45 p.m. (notes below); meeting reopened at 9:00 p.m.] The decision was made to check with applicants to see if 8:30 p.m. on March 11th (54 Great Road) and 9:00 p.m. (50-56 Powder Mill Road) are acceptable times for public hearings on the demolition permits.
3. River Street subdivision proposal was discussed, comments were discussed and submitted, with a copy to the HDC; comments included maintaining existing sluiceway and other historic structures or sensitive areas.
4. Also discussed was a submission for the Faulkner Mill subdivision.
5. Finally, the Commission decided that in light of the comments received at the public hearing, it would plan to have another public hearing to discuss updates and revisions to the demolition delay bylaw amendments and archaeological resources bylaw before the date that warrant article submissions are due.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Maxwell, clerk pro tem

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library

Acton Historical Commission
Public Hearing – February 11, 2009
7:45 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 204

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Members of the public present: Lauren Rosenzweig, Doug Halley (DH), Anne Forbes (AF), Marcia
Charter, Dean Charter (DC), Isabella Choate (IC), Wick McConnon,
Paul Schottler

1. KCH called the meeting to order. BPM presented the proposed changes to Chapter N. IC noted that some communities have chosen a “sliding scale” approach that provides for a longer delay on National Register properties than cultural resources list properties. IC also suggested that the AHC should consider whether the bylaw amendments put Acton beyond what most other towns are doing. AF noted that coordination with the HDC might be helpful as well.
2. DH commenced discussion about the background and development of the new archaeological resources bylaw, including the survey generated by P.A.L. and recommendation of Medfield bylaw as model. BPM then related the details of the proposed architectural resources bylaw for Acton. DC noted objections to the bylaw, stating constitutional grounds and potential problems with availability and accessibility of the sensitivity maps. IC noted importance of complying with state laws regarding disclosing sites and looting of archaeological resources. IC also noted that P.A.L.’s model bylaw was not exactly the same as the one enacted in Medfield.

Hearing adjourned at 9:00 p.m.