



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019
7:30 pm
Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH), Brad Maxwell (BM), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK)

Absent: Jaye Oman (JO)

1. Opening

Chair Bill Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

2. Regular Business

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the AHC's February 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 5-0.
- 2) Citizen concerns: A question was posed on the status of a letter from the AHC to the Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer supporting funding for the Faulkner Homestead windows. BD stated that he had already sent the letter.

A statement was made by VB (member of the CPC), that the renovation of the Asa Parlin house is up for consideration by the CPC.

- 3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL: DH stated that he had reviewed the meeting agendas and hearings of the ZBA and did not recognize any historic properties for review.
- 4) Cultural Resource List update – Status Report: DH stated that a MHC Survey and Planning grant application was made for funding half of this CRL project for \$10,000. The other \$10,000 CPC request is pending.
- 5) Demolition Delay By-Law – Status Report: BM reviewed his upcoming presentation on updating the Chapter N town bylaw at the April 1 Town Meeting.



- 6) 53 River Street Area Form – Status Report: BK reported that he and Anne Forbes had completed their site survey forms and he will submit them to MACRIS.
- 7) Comments on Bruce Freeman rail trail, Phase 2B. DH reported that the board of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail appreciates the AHC's support. The AHC made a Section 106 response concurring with the Concord Board of Selectmen's finding of no adverse effect on historical sites for section 2B of the rail trail spanning Route 2.
- 8) Which additional town buildings to receive historical plaques: The commission agreed to explore providing plaques to the following historical buildings - 1) The South Acton Fire Station, 2) Morrison Farm, and 3) the "red house" municipal administration building south of Town Hall. It also agreed to follow up on several buildings that had plaques made but possibly not installed.

3. New/Special Business

- 9) Approve letter of support for Faulkner Homestead: See Citizen's Concerns above
- 10) Review of Open Meeting Law Requirements: A general discussion ensued about the need to be especially careful with OML procedures. Acton groups have been hit particularly hard with OML violation complaints recently.
- 11) Discuss feasibility of an Archeological By-Law: BK proposed a review of an Archaeological Town By-Law to supplement Chapter N (historic building demolition). A proposal was last made in 2011 and BK stated that he would provide copies of those findings for review at the next meeting.

4. Consent Items - None

5. Adjournment

At 8:54 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of February, 2019;



- AHC Letter of Support MHC SHPO