



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bob Ferrara (BF), Bill Klauer (BK), Alissa Nicol - Clerk (AN), Victoria Beyer (VB), Barb Rhines (BR)

Guests: Pat Hearn - Agricultural Commission

Absent: Bill Dickinson - Chair

BF nominated BK to act as Chair in the absence of Chair Bill Dickinson, AN seconded the motion, BK called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

I. Regular Business

1) Review of meeting minutes from January 11th and February 8th – Meeting minutes from the AHC's January and February meetings were reviewed; VB moved and BK seconded a motion to approve the minutes with minor revisions noted in discussion; the minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

2) Citizen concerns: BK asked where HC files are located. BR stated they are in Conference Room 9. Nothing was disposed. BK noted there are map files in Town Hall attic.

3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL?: none, but commissioners discussed that WR Grace land re-development may trigger by-law depending on whether it is classified as "undisturbed"

4) Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road update: no update

5) Archaeological By-Law implementation Update: Acton Memorial Library willing to fund a speaker, archaeologist who is knowledgeable about region, Duncan Ritchie may not be interested in coming to Acton as he lives in RI, commissioners suggested

Kimberly Hughes as possible speaker, BF will reach out, want to schedule speaker in May, commissioners will review Rules and Regulations at next meeting

6) 53 River Street Update - funding is available for project, still waiting on MOU from Army Corps of Engineers, other permitting is secured

7) Status of converting CRL to MACRIS - still on track for securing summer intern, mailings went out to properties in Historic Districts

8) Demo Delay status: 27 Martin Street - no update from owner, commissioners suggested BF ask specific questions about actions taken by owner and perhaps offer suggestions

9) Historical Marker Requests: 48 School Street was approved and HDC approved Certificate of Non-Applicability; 96 Main Street found sign and was hung; 85 Stow Street, owner would like only date, house was constructed between 1830-1856, so c 1843 will be used (listed as r 1843 on Inventory Form which stands for “range”); AN moved to approve this request for a marker reading “c 1843”, VB seconded, motion passed unanimously

10) National Register application for Woodlawn Cemetery - BK is doing exploratory work to determine options

II. New/Special Business

- 1) 149 Central Street demo request withdrawn**
- 2) Morrison Farm CR update** - PH reported that AgCom presented to Recreation Commission, and received letter of support for CR; Pete Westover, who authored CR, suggested writing CR on land only and exclude buildings; land is still at risk, for example, the property is on list of suggested parcels that might be used for wastewater discharge from new treatment plant; what is needed is a proposal with estimated cost, what is timetable for National Register efforts and what implications are there for bringing CR back for consideration; commissioners are in agreement that CR could cover only land and not buildings
- 3) Update on purchase discussion of 549 Main Street per OSC** - AN reported that purchase is on warrant for Acton Water District Annual Meeting on March 15th; after approval, CR will come to Annual Town Meeting
- 4) Acton 250 Committee update** - committee is working on organizing speakers, list of stakeholders, creating a logo, etc.

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment

VB moved and BF seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:19 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

January 11th and February 8th, 2023 minutes, Historic Marker application for 85 Stow Street