



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bill Dickinson - Chair (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB) Bob Ferrara (BF), Bill Klauer (BK)

Guests: Charlotte and Tim Croft

Absent: Barb Rhines - Cultural Resources Planner (BR)

Chair BD called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

I. Regular Business

1. Review of meeting minutes from May - BK moved to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting and VB seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen concerns - Charlotte and Tim Croft of 51 Conant St. in South Acton wanted to understand options in improving their new home. BD and others offered helpful guidance.

3. Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL? none reported

4. Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road update - BD has sent an RFP to several structural engineering and landscape architectural firms. He hopes to have responses by the next meeting.

5. Status of converting CRL to MACRIS - BR noted that she hopes by June month end to hire a Cultural Resources Intern to work on this project.

6. Under demo delay: 27 Martin St – BF last contacted the owner in April, when she reported “I don’t have an update for you. Thank you for the info about 66-68 Maple Street”. This case began with a hearing at the May 11, 2022, meeting.

7. Historical Plaque Applications: The application for 104 Main Street was approved but the plaque text was changed to “Marshall V. Stone House” from just “Stone House”.

8. National Register application for Woodlawn Cemetery: Woodlawn Cemetery is an essential part of the proposed Concord Road Historical Corridor. There was extensive discussion on the pros and cons of seeking National Historic District versus creating a 4th local Acton Historic District. The protections, including those applicable to the Morrison buildings, as well as the process are different for each alternative.

9. Concord Road Historical Corridor update. The Corridor includes -properties along Concord Rd. from Woodlawn Cemetery up through Ice House Pond. The current plan is to compile inventory forms for all properties to prepare for a 4th local Historic District.

10. Acton 250 Committee update – BK and BF reported on committee planning of speakers and regular articles in local media every month leading up to the 250th .in 2025. The logo contest is closing soon and an official logo will be selected at the next 250 Committee meeting on June 26.

II. New/Special Business

1. Looking for New Members - BD will

2. Archaeology Bylaw: Preservation of Archaeologically Significant Resources. BF forwarded a list of 3 local Cultural Resource Management (CRM) consultants for the Town Planning Department to include on the vendor list to perform the initial archaeological assessments mentioned in the archaeology bylaw. All three agreed to be on call for these quick-turnaround assessments and they are Kimberley Connors (Archaeology Outreach, LLC), David Gutbrod (Commonwealth Heritage Group), Duncan Ritchie (Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.). BD moved to approve and send the list to the Planning Department, VB seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Additional CRM consultants with local knowledge can also be added in the future.

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment

BK moved and VB seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously at 9:03 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting.

May 10, 2023, minutes