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Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2014
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

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

1. BK called the meeting to order. The Commission unanimously approved meeting minutes from its December meeting.
2. Next, the Commission reviewed the recent historical plaque program inquiries, including the application received for 60 Willow Street. The Commission unanimously approved a plaque for 60 Willow Street, with slightly revised text, and BM will write to the applicants with approval and order form materials. Brad Graham attended the meeting and discussed flexibility and recommendations for plaque text with the Commission.
3. Discussion then turned to the Commission's recommendation and letter of support for the CPA funded work at the Hosmer House. VB obtained copies of the background materials for that exterior work and BD and JC arranged to meet with Dana Kintigh, president of the Historical Society, on January 14th to review the work. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the project, should BD and JC agree after the site visit that the work met the Secretary of Interior standards, and that BD and JC will write a letter of affirmation afterward.
4. VB then reported on CPA applications with historical elements that will be reviewed at upcoming CPC meetings, including the Acton Women's Club, Morrison Farm, Wright Hill and West Acton Baptist Church.
5. BK next provided an update from the Morrison Farm Committee.
6. BK then updated the Commission on decisions by the SATSAC regarding informative panels for the new South Acton Train Station. The SATSAC has selected its photos for the panels and BK provided captions.
7. The Commission discussed a draft of its annual report, revised, and unanimously approved the draft with corrections. BM will send a final version of the draft, as revised, to BK for submission.
8. Finally, the Commission took notice of the upcoming talk by Anne Forbes at the Acton Memorial Library regarding architect John Hoar's work in Acton. The talk will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
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