



Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

Virtual Meeting, online due to Covid-19

DRAFT August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Taverna - Chairman, Brian Stripp, Fred Merriam, David Vigeant, Linda Prescott, Nancy Araway-Planning Board

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Pre-Demolition Requests:

91-91 Billerica Road- William Harvey III

75 North Road- William Harvey III

No Action taken. Mr. Harvey nor any representative present at the meeting.

2. Historic Preservation By-Law Change Proposed by Planning Board- Nancy Araway

Ms. Taverna noted that she had attended the Planning Board meeting re:

Proposed Bylaw Change. There are 77 properties noted that fit in the time frame (1600-1700);

28 properties do not qualify for by-law, 10 properties have enough land and do not fall into the category leaving, 39 properties that could use the new by-law.

Ms. Araway noted that the Planning Board would be meeting the next evening August 12, and she was prepared to present the most recent modifications of the proposed by-law change, updated 7/14/20. She then read through each of the changes, discussion followed. Ms. Araway noted that if this Historic Preservation Bylaw passes at Town Meeting there should be a follow up article to adjust the time frame to include 1800-1900. Further discussion surrounding what should be presented as a new article, Mr. Merriam will put together a presentation of pictures and information of properties which fall in the new time frame.

Ms. Taverna noted that the Historical Commission will need to have a "playbook" of rules and regulations for users of the bylaw to follow.

Ms. Taverna asked if Ms. Araway needed a letter of support for the Planning Board meeting from the commission. Ms. Araway noted that a letter would be helpful and someone from the Historical Commission should attend the meeting. Ms. Taverna said she would be attending, Mr. Stripp noted he would try to make it.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Taverna and Mr. Merriam shared a few corrections, the clerk noted them.

MOTION: Mr. Stripp moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting with the corrections, seconded by Mr. Vigeant and **so Voted**.

4. Schedule Walk Arounds of Properties with Preservation Restrictions

Properties at 101 Mill Road, 19 Maple Street, and 66 Graniteville Road- Ms. Taverna asked if members would be able to do the walk arounds on Sept. 8, 2020 before the next meeting. It was agreed upon that they will meet at 5:00 PM to do this. Ms. Prescott asked about property on 79 Elm Street, and was unsure who holds the preservation restriction. Mr. Vigeant noted that he will do the research and find out who holds the restriction.

5. Agenda for September 8, 2020

List of inventories-as many as there is money for.
Meeting may be held in person at the School Board meeting room as it is equipped with the cameras and equipment to allow Zoom. Ms. Taverna will let the commission know.

6. Other Business

Mr. Vigeant has some photos he would like scanned. Mr. Merriam noted he could do this if Mr. Vigeant can bring the photos to him. Mr. Vigeant also asked the commission for their opinion as to what to do with an old watering trough that used to sit on the center common. Discussion-
Mr. Stripp noted that he had brought a sign to 49 Billerica Road and turned the invoice into town hall.

MOTION: Mr. Merriam moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Stripp and **so voted.**

Meeting adjourned 8:45 by Ms. Taverna

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy A. Metz, Clerk

