



Chelmsford Historical Commission

April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Taverna, Chman., Brian Stripp, Fred Merriam, Linda Prescott

Guests; Nancy Arawy and Mike Raisback both form the Planning Board; Ken LeFebrve, BOS; Evan Belansky, Community Development

Public Input: none

Pre-Demolition Requests: 3 Marshall Street. Alan Kanzasjian and Sue Carter attended to complete the demolition request. Annita Tanini also attended to speak on behalf of Mr. Kanzasjian. Mr. Kanzasjian was advised that he needs to have an inventory completed of the property.

Facade Design Program: Mr. Belansky discussed the façade program with the CHC. The Community Preservation Fund Committee advised Mr. Belansky that the program may not qualify for preservation funds. Mr. Belansky pointed out that the façade program is mentioned in both the Master Plan and the Historical and Cultural Preservation Plan. CHC discussed that possibly returning to 1920's facades would be appropriate.

Calls, Emails and Letters: Bill Harvey requested a letter of support in regards to the subdivision of 47 Boston Road. The Commission will send a letter and members to the Board of Appeals meeting. Ms. Prescott received an email from Betsy Friedberg that we should contact our representatives at the State House regarding the state Community Preservation budget. Ms. Taverna received a phone call from a potential buyer of the UMass Lowell West Campus.

Minute Approvals: A motion was made by Mr. Stripp and seconded by Mr. Merriam to approve the February 19, 2019, minutes as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Stripp and seconded by Mr. Merriam to approve the March 12, 2019, minutes as amended.

Budget: \$1105.50 remains in our 2018-19 budget and \$650.00 in the secretary account.

Old Business;

- a) Toll House: The Parker School 5th grade has requested the "Chelmsford Connection" Tour. The tours will begin the week of June 3rd. Ms. Prescott is looking for volunteers.
- b) House Signs, National Register Signs and District House Signs: Ms. Taverna stated the requests for the District House Signs are very slowly coming in. Ms Prescott suggested a postcard be sent to the District building owners stating the sign program has a time limitation.
- c) Historic District Update: none
- d) Vinal Square Strategic Action Plan Update: None

- e) Historic Preservation Zoning: During the conversation with Planning Board Representatives Ms. Araway and Mr. Riasback, the Commission requested the zoning map include more details. Also, it has been recommended that limiting 3 apartment units to the main house if the land lot and house size meet the requirements. This bylaw should only apply to buildings built prior to 1938. Ms. Araway recommended the business owners, economic development office and the CHC work together on the facade program.
- f) Proposed Rt. 40 Zoning Changes: According to Mr. Raisback, the Rt. 40 property may have an "Aging In Place" Zoning Overlay.
- g) Discussion of Demolition Delay Policies and Procedures: none
- h) Certified Local Government: The application has been sent.

9) Preservation Planning Workshops: A brief discussion – Ms. Prescott advised seminars on preservation planning are coming up. She will also email CHC members information from the visit of Stuart Saginor when he presents information to the CPC.

Other Business:

Hiring a new secretary: no one has applied.

Established the May 4, 2019 agenda

Adjournment: At 10:10 pm a motion was made by Mr. Stripp, seconded by Ms. Prescott, the motion carried.

Linda Prescott
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*Documents are on file with the Chelmsford Historical Commission