



# Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

## June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Members in Attendance:** Deb Taverna-Chairman, Fred Merriam, Jeffrey Merrill, Linda Prescott, David Vigeant

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order, 7:36 PM

1. **Public Input:** None

2. **Pre-Demolition Requests:**

203 Boston Road- Bob McNamara, not present

3. **House Signs, National Register Signs, District House Signs:**

Mr. Merrill noted that there had been no new request, however, there were 2 earlier requests, 96 Middlesex Street, and 160 Middlesex Street. Ms. Prescott noted that she had not had a chance to review the inventories for the information but will get that information (name and dates to be placed on the signs) to Mr. Merrill. Mr. Merriam noted that he had received a request for a sign by Ronald Hennessey for the Bowling Alley in Vinal Square. Ms. Prescott noted that the inventory for that building was done. Mr. Merrill requested the information that should be on the sign. It was noted by Ms. Prescott that the signs for the Garrison House on 110 and the Byam Match Factory on Route 27 needed repairing. Mr. Merrill will check on these signs.

4. **Historic District Updates:**

Ms. Taverna noted that St. Mary's church had begun working on their Handi-capped entrance and there were some issues, so they are on hold at the minute. The Fiske House has been sold to Mr. Zouzas who plans to restore the home as a single-family dwelling.

5. **Budget-** \$78.71 left. Ms. Taverna noted that the Clerk needs to turn in her hours. There is still \$1,000, it was discussed that there be 5 signs and a new Flag for the 1802 School House purchased with the remaining funds. It was noted that Ms. Taverna needed the height of the flagpole to order the right size. Mr. Vigeant will get that information for her.

**6. Emails, Telephone Calls, Letters:**

Ms. Prescott noted that she had received an email forwarded from Mr. Merriam re: some confusion by Mr. Kenneth Blair about whether his ancestors lived on Gay Street or Silver Street. Ms. Prescott responded to the email with the information that she has regarding the family.

Ms. Taverna noted that she is receiving ALL the emails regarding repairs/building permits for the town of Chelmsford.

**7. Local Certified Government:**

Ms. Taverna noted that she had spoken to the Historic District Commissioners, and they will have their resumes to her before July 4. Ms. Prescott noted that after July 4, 2022, she will have more time for this.

**8. Historic Preservation-What Can We Do?**

Ms. Prescott noted that she had attended the Selectboard meeting having been invited by Town Manager Cohen as a Listening Session for ideas for the Chelmsford Common, the District and the Center. She noted that it was not well attended but those who were there had some good ideas.

Mr. Merriam noted that he had many of the house pictures colorized, digitized and on the website. Would the commission like him to add a link with added information for these houses? Ms. Prescott felt that the information should be documented. It was decided that the "Fun Facts" for these homes could be linked to the Historical Societies website.

**9. Approval of Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Ms. Prescott moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022, as amended seconded by Mr. Vigeant and so voted. **Motion carries.**
- **MOTION:** Ms. Prescott moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 24, 2022, seconded by Mr. Vigeant, and so voted. **Motion carries.**

**10. Set Agenda for July 12, 2022**

Restriction vs Easement

**MOTION:** Mr. Vigeant moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Prescott and so voted.

Ms. Taverna closed the meeting at 8:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy A. Metz, Clerk