



## Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

### July 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order, 7:30 PM

1. **Public Input:** None
2. **Pre-Demolition Requests:**

18-20 Chelmsford Street- Joanne and Michael Sargent

The Predetermination for Demolition Application was given to the Commission, Ms. Taverna asked if there were any questions. After discussion; **MOTION:** Ms. Prescott moved to approve the application seconded by Mr. Vigeant and so voted. **Motion carried.** The commission wished the Sargent's well with their project. Ms. Taverna will turn the paperwork over to the Town Offices.

203 Boston Road- Bob McNamara, not present

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

Mr. Merrill noted that he was having trouble contacting Bob Leonard, the sign guy. Mr. Merrill will continue to try and contact as Mr. Leonard has the 16 or so new stock signs and most likely the silk screen. Ms. Prescott noted that she thought that he was possibly ill and may no longer be available. Mr. Merrill asked about the name on the sign for the bowling alley in North. After discussion it was noted that the alley was moved to its current location in 1943 and was run by Charlie Dinnigan. Mr. Merrill felt it should be Charles Dinnigan's Lanes on the sign. Mr. Merriam noted the names of the owners of the building and noted that Mr. Dinnigan was not mentioned. Mr. Merrill added some interesting facts; Mr. Dinnigan and the last owner John DiPalma of the alleys were both inducted into the Duck Pin Hall of Fame. Ms. Prescott noted she thought that would be appropriate to use Charlie Dinnigan. C. Dinnigan would fit better on the sign though. The sign would just be for the Bowling Alley and not the main building.

4. **Historic District Updates:**

Ms. Taverna explained that the HDC did not have a regular meeting in July but had a special meeting to discuss the cease-and-desist order for St. Mary's church. All the issues have been addressed and they are clear to resume. There has been not work so far.

5. **Budget-** A new budget is coming.

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

Mr. Merriam received correspondence from a Mr. Peter Hirsch wanting some information regarding the barn on his property. Mr. Merriam noted that the Barn backs up to the golf course and was part to the Park Estate. Mr. Hirsch was looking for some history of the barn and may want to restore it. Mr. Merriam shared the pictures of the barn. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Merriam would contact Mr. Hirsch with the information.

Ms. Prescott reviewed her "Field Trip" to the New England Document Center. The center does wonderful work, and she was impressed with many of the workers and the painstaking work that they do. Our Chelmsford Historic records are in the que to be digitized.

Mr. Merriam noted also that he was working with New England Micrographics on a newspaper digitizing project.

7. **Local Certified Government:**

Ms. Prescott noted that the process will begin later. It was also noted that the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission will need to meet together regularly.

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

Restrictions vs Easement- discussion tabled until the next meeting.

10 Inventories- Ms. Taverna noted that she would have the oldest homes on the list that have not been inventoried for the next meeting for approval. Discussion regarding possible redoing of older inventories.

Discussion regarding the USA's 250 Anniversary in 4 years, what could be done to commemorate the event.

9. **Approval of Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Ms. Prescott moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022, as presented seconded by Mr. Merriam, and so voted. **Motion carries.**

**10. Set Agenda for August 9, 2022**

Restriction vs Easement

Local Certified Gov.

10 Inventories

New Commission Member

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

Ms. Taverna closed the meeting at 9:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Metz, Clerk