

Dennis Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

Prue Conference Room, Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660

Members Present: Diane Rochelle, Bill Collins, Josh Crowell, Tim Scannell & Ken Van Tassell; Bob Poskitt and Sarah Kruger excused; Bill Creighton guest

Meeting was called to order at 4 PM

Public Discussion: None

Minutes: Minutes of the February 6, 2023, meeting were approved as received.

Demolition Applications: None

Old Business:

Preservation Awards and Nomination Form: the revised award nomination form was posted on the town's HC webpage; a budget of anticipated expense will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Scargo Tower Historical Video: review video with background music; in May review script.

Historic Resource Inventory Survey: we have received Jim Sexton's updated historic inventory files; they are being sent to MHC. No changes are anticipated, but a hard copy for our files will be printed after the grant is closed. The updated files have been added to our digital inventory file.

West School House Stabilization: possible completion date is April 18 and a donation of 2 repurposed timbers is also possible.

American Revolution 250th Anniversary: the CPC application draft for the memorial boulder & bronze plaque at Dennis Village Cemetery was reviewed, including draft of the inscription. A motion by Ken Van Tassell, seconded by Bill Collins, unanimously approved historic significance, the application, and plaque inscription. The Village Improvement Society has decided not to support the location of this monument on the Military Training Field. Diane will discuss a location inside the Dennis Village Cemetery fence, near the Receiving Tomb, at the next Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting. An exhibit is being planned at the Cape Cod Museum of Art to include Revolutionary War period collections along with a display of images of period homes associated with veterans. We have invited HSOY to participate with us when a date is set.

Endangered Significant Buildings: Improper Bostonian, 626 Rt. 28, DP, has received a 2 year extension from the Planning Board.

New Business: None

Commission Information: Diane has updated the historic component of the Dennis Open Space Plan with Dept. of Natural Resources; payment of Preservation Mass. dues was sent to town accountant.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023, in the Town Hall, Prue Room, at 4:00 PM.

Adjournment: 5.25 PM. Respectfully submitted, Diane Rochelle.