

Dennis Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 4 p. m.

Public Discussion: None

Minutes: Minutes of the March 6, 2023, meeting were approved as corrected.

Demolition Applications: None

Old Business:

Preservation Awards and Nomination Form: 5 possible awards reviewed with continued review next month. A budget of \$500 was set. Several endangered buildings will also be highlighted.

Scargo Tower Historical Video: excellent 6-8 minute video reviewed with minor recommendations; review scripted video next month. When complete the video will be shown at a Select Board meeting & posted on the HC town webpage.

Historic Resource Inventory Survey: A letter from MHC was received acknowledging receipt of 60 updated HRI files. On a motion by Bob Poskitt, seconded by Ken Van Tassell, it was unanimously approved to pay the final invoice of \$1,476.33 when received from PAST and close out the CPC grant. James Sexton's final report with future recommendations will be emailed to HC members so a plan for future updates can be considered. A list of the updated HRI files will be posted on our town webpage once MHC has posted them on their online MACRIS site. A copy of Swan Lake Cemetery Update will be given to Ruth Derick so a future National Register application can be considered for the cemetery in which a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient is buried.

West School House Stabilization: possible completion date is now May 25.

American Revolution 250th Anniversary: a draft of the CPC grant application for a Revolutionary War Memorial and its text was reviewed again. A motion by Bob Poskitt, seconded by Sarah Kruger, unanimously approved to add the words "now Dennis," "Patriots," and a list of family names. A possible exhibit at Cape Cod Museum of Art was again discussed, with additional collections considered.

Endangered Significant Buildings: HC will review and update our list of endangered buildings.

New Business: None

Commission Information: Diane spoke at a recent Select Board meeting to request proper care of the town owned Captain O'Neil ship's flag, ca. 1865, replica of the ca.1781 Fort Independence Flag of the American Revolution, that hangs on the auditorium wall of Wixon School, since the school is no longer in use and utilities are shut down.

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

Adjournment: 6:01 p. m. Respectfully submitted, Diane Rochelle.

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