

Dennis Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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 May 1, 2023, meeting were approved as received.

Demolition Applications: demolition application for 626 Main St., DP, was signed by Diane not to initiate the demolition delay bylaw after member consensus. A demolition application for the ½ Cape with additions at 37 Nobscussett Rd., D, was reviewed, the demolition having been approved by OKHRHDC on May 25, and, by a vote of 6 for and 1 against on a motion by Bob Poskitt & seconded by Ken Van Tassell, it was decided not to initiate the demolition delay bylaw.

Old Business:

Bi-Centennial Map: reprint of HC "Map of Historic Sites" was reviewed and on a motion by Sarah Kruger, seconded by Tim Scannell, it was unanimously approved to reimburse Bob Poskitt \$491 for 135 copies reproduced at New England Reprographics.

Preservation Awards: on Aug. 19, Colonial Day at the Manse, a preservation award will be given for Capt. Baker House restoration, W. Schoolhouse preservation & stabilization (not completed by 12.31.2022) and 4 endangered structures (barn at 121 South St, ED; ½ Capes at 54 Whig St., 472 Rt. 6A & 650 Rt. 6A in Dennis. A motion by Bob Poskitt, seconded by Sarah Kruger, unanimously approved the awards & endangered structures. On a motion by Bob Poskitt, seconded by Bill Collins, it was unanimously approved to reimburse Bob an amount not to exceed \$219 for printing of presentation materials at Staples.

Scargo Tower Historical Video: script has been revised and is being reviewed by Sarah & Bill.

Historic Resource Inventory Survey: awaiting confirmation of final payment

West School House Stabilization: possible completion date is now June 20.

American Revolution 250th Anniversary: exhibit application submitted to Cape Cod Museum of Art by Diane; waiting for exhibit date to be scheduled. Map & house sketches of S. Dennis Village were reviewed and will be reviewed by HC members, as well as those for Dennis & E. Dennis. Diane will send Bob H. Bonington S. Dennis house sketches whose address has not been identified. Potential exhibits were reviewed with emphasis of "original" collections, not reproductions.

Endangered Significant Buildings: revised list of Endangered structures was reviewed. 401 Rt. 28, WD, continues restoration, now has blue shutters on the front. 645 Rt. 28, DP, still for sale. Condition of the barn at 121 South St., ED, was reviewed, Bob will research status with OKHRHDC & building commissioner. HC will reach out to the public and the property owner to further barn's preservation. A motion by Tim Scannell, seconded by Bill Collins, unanimously approved this barn preservation effort.

New or unanticipated Business: A motion by Sarah Kruger, seconded by Tim Scannell, unanimously approved to reimburse Diane \$239.99 for purchase of a 4-drawer vertical filing cabinet to be used to store HC files.

Commission Information: none

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Town Hall, Prue Room, at 4:00 p. m.

Adjournment: 5.39 p. m. Respectfully submitted, Diane Rochelle.