

Acton Historic District Commission
3/3/08 Meeting minutes



Brian Bendig, Kathryn Acerbo-Bachman, Aaron Moore, David Honn, Ellie Halsey, Scott Kutil, Michaela Moran, and Anne Forbes in attendance. Tom Peterman and Terra Friedrichs were absent.

Minutes for the 2/4/08 and the 2/19/08 meetings were approved as corrected.

BB will be meeting with the new Town Manager this week as a welcome.

81 River St.- BB sent all the comments to the developer. The mill building is more at risk now that all the tenants are out; the fencing placed around the building to discourage entry has fallen down. BB sent an email about 10 days ago with no response.

BB reported letter sent to Caitlin Adler re Sweet Bytes sign 6 month grace period in which to propose a solution (exp. 7/22/08).

The projecting sign for Village Hair Stylist is up; the inset sign has not been removed.

Re the DiCapri Pizza signs in violation, BB states he will go in to the shop to talk with the owner perhaps in lieu of another written notice.

Graphic Connections- "temporary" sign has been up for over a year. BB will contact them to ask what is going on.

Saturday, March 29th is the date for the "visioning" of the future of the town which will be held at the high school.

The Buxton property zoning change has been withdrawn from the town warrant.

8:15 Appointment: cell tower bylaw (article 40 of the town warrant). Will Tuffin, 23 Arlington St., and Jim Monahan, are concerned about the impact such a bylaw would have on the historic districts. BB thanked WT for bringing the proposed article to our attention. BB favors the language which Concord uses for the mention of the placing of a cell tower near an historic district, or listed or eligible to be listed on the state or federal register of historic places. BB is of the opinion that the section 3.10.4 is not waivable under 3.10.18. In his comments to Peter Berry, of the cell tower bylaw committee, he will address this issue. AF suggested that we ask to be notified about any public hearings or changes to the proposed bylaw. BB to copy the Historical Commission.

BB managed to have the Main St. sidewalk pulled out of the consent agenda. Article 26 to accept conveyance of parcels and abandoning a portion of Main St. to the property owner. This project would impact the Isaac Davis Trail.

Wednesday, March 12 meeting of Historical Commission at town hall re the demolition of the houses on the corner of Arlington and Spruce, 8pm.

Exchange Hall conditions for the CPC recommendations for funding. A section has been added that copies of the certifications that the Secretary of the Interior standards have been met provided to the HDC as a measure of proving that the Standards have been adhered to. DH Suggested that no occupancy permit be issued for the building until the Secretary standards have been satisfied.

Our Application for a Certificate is now available on the town website.

0801-memorial sign and Dean Charter, WACL, at next meeting. Dr. Yao, waiting for information on the windows.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michaela Moran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michaela Moran,
Secretary