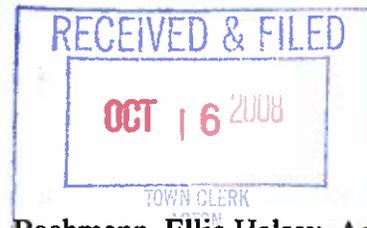


Acton Historic District Commission
June 16, 2008 meeting minutes



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

Minutes for the 6/2, 5/5, 5/19, and 4/22 minutes were approved as corrected.

8:00PM PH #0812 Lothrop Mill application was opened. The applicant has requested a continuance due to the personal emergency of the architect of the project. BB proposed to reopen the hearing at 8:00pm on 7/7/08. AF will ask that the meeting be reposted with its new location.

'Notice of violation' letter with cc to building department must be issued to alert the applicant and building department to the discrepancies between the approved plans submitted with Application #0720 and the actual building at 83 River Street. TF, as BoS liaison, will bring this up with town manager so that he can alert staff.

DH noted that the 83 River St. building is larger than that approved due to the back projection that is longer north-south, and has several windows which do not comply with the plans. Its west elevation has more windows than approved, including two basement and at least two others. The front door framed in the wrong place; two types of windows which have not been approved (casement and awning) in the COA have been installed even though the COA has not been issued. Letter to correct violations immediately must be sent with cc's to BoS, building department, and invite them to discuss the issues re the violations. The letter is pre-notification prior to the levy of fines. Deviation from the plan was pointed out to the builder and the manager at the 5/19 meeting. BB will draft the letter.

Applications stamped on 5/20/08 for windows (0809), doors (0811) and garage doors (0810). Action must be taken by 7/19/08.

8:55pm Bonnie Geithner, 431 Main St., rotting of wood trims and front steps, due to salt from the roadways. Mixture of the salt has been changed over the last few years, it is now more corrosive than previously. BG has spoken to Dean Charter about the possibility of shrubs. According to BG, DC says that the new salt mixture is killing all of the plantings that the municipal properties division have put in. BB suggested that this matter to be taken to the citizens' concern portion of the BoS meeting. TF will point out that having such a caustic mixture will degrade the cultural resources of the town.

Dean Charter and Jennifer Friedman for the West Acton Citizen's Library: light fixtures to be an amendment to the previous application. Post (Oxford lantern post from Walpole Woodworkers of Azek) and fixture (23"-#5053) to go in front of the building to the right of the Windsor Ave. entrance (behind the flower barrel planter as noted in photo). The wall fixture (18"-#5031) is to be placed to the left of the front door frame, the second fixture is to be placed at the left of the side door (13.5"-#5011). The existing fixture on the north corner is to be removed. The finish to be dark brass for all the fixtures. BB asked if the post could be wood and asked that the info be emailed. (info to be sent: Wood post proposal, post height, manufacturer's name for the records). It was determined that the east door at the

Pearl St. entry way is outside the jurisdiction of the HDC due to the fact that it can't be seen from Windsor Ave. and Windsor Ave is the designated jurisdictional public way for this building.

#0813, 560-564 Mass Ave. – faxed application (No fee was submitted.) for roofing for a garage. Application submitted by William Hall for owner Howard Canning. The shingle proposed is a 30 year Woodscape laminated shingle with an 8” drip edge along the eaves. Abutter waiver notices will be sent; vote deferred until the next meeting.

DiCapri Pizza-signs over the door have not been removed.

The deadline to correct the dimensions of the Sweet Bites wall sign date is coming up in July.

71 School Street: Irene Elsinovsky's application is to be dealt with next meeting.

102 Main Street: Getsick's application to be put on next agenda to be dealt with.

A public “brainstorming” meeting has been set for 7/23/08 to discuss strategies for the preservation of the Wright –Holden Farmhouse on Rte. 2 (15 Mass. Ave.), which is owned by the Mass. Department of Correction.

Next week: Three meetings will be held for members of town boards give input for the Comprehensive Community Plan, 6/25, 6/26, 6/28. 7pm. Wednesday and Thursday; 10:00 a.m. Saturday. AF can do Wednesday, BB can do Thursday and Saturday.

MM to send email address of new owners of 77 Nagog Hill Rd. to BB.

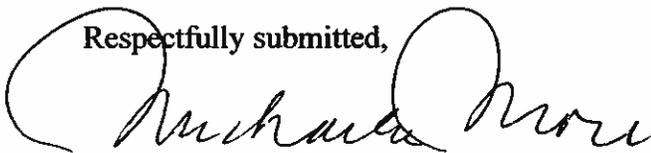
Letter to Glenn Berger to be drafted re the Exchange Hall situation.

Mary Jane Kenney , Sect. to BoS, sent an email re terms and appointments. AM's term is up 6/30/08. AF wants to resign as of 7/15/08.

0814- application for repair/rebuild for chicken coop at 80 School St. No fee submitted. To be taken up 7/7/08 meeting.

DH brought up the issue of FAR in re to the Lothrop mill property and 83, 85 and 87 River St. project. DH will draft a letter to the BoS requesting a reading of the zoning bylaw and the specific property.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michaela Moran". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Michaela Moran,
Secretary