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ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2009
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 121

AHC Members Present: Peter Grover, chair (PG), Bill Klauer (BK), Anita Dodson (AD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Kimberley Connors-Hughes (KCH), Bill Dickinson (BD), Brad Maxwell (BM)

1. PG called the meeting to order and minutes from April 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. First discussed was the preservation and survey efforts for three cemeteries in Acton. Arthur Krim is resubmitting his proposal for the CPC work on the cemeteries, which will hopefully address concerns raised by MHC with the submissions prepared by previous consultant. KCH agreed to see if Anne Forbes was available to revise and resubmit the current application for CPC funding. VB and AD attended the cemetery commission meeting today with BK, and noted that the cemetery commission has already been researching the cemetery histories and could be a good resource for our preservation efforts.
3. Next, the Commission discussed updates on the demolition application for 50-56 Powder Mill Road, for which the Commission imposed a 6-month delay (that was in effect at the time the application was filed). The applicant has suggested moving the “dollhouse” structure across the street from his former Suzuki dealership, to the property where a boat ramp is currently located. The applicant noted that he would need the Conservation Commission’s support for such a move. The Commission noted that this location would keep the structure in an appropriate geographic area.
4. KCH also noted that Diane Sergei has not been timely in completing the tasks for which the Commission has engaged her, including an update of the Cultural Resource List. It was suggested that perhaps a letter, with wording advice from Dean Charter and/or other Town employees, would help to move the process along.

[Meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:00 p.m. for hearing on 54 Great Road demolition permit application. Meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.]

5. The Commission next unanimously approved the reinstatement of a Vice Chair position and a new slate of officers: BK as Chair, KCH as Vice Chair and BM as Clerk.
6. Finally, the Commission discussed a recap of the previous year’s efforts and goals for 2009, for purposes of reporting to the Board of Selectmen on June 22nd. The goals for 2009-2010 are: (a) continuing Wright-Holden Farmhouse preservation efforts, (b) updates to the Cultural Resource

List, (c) cemetery preservation (d) Vallaincourt House architectural evaluation and preservation, (e) pending demolition delays at 54 Great Road and 50 and 56 Powder Mill Road; (f) continuing investigation of an Archaeological Resources By-law as a companion to the demolition delay bylaw for historic structures; and (g) starting an historical marker/plaque program in Acton.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Maxwell, clerk pro tem

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library