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ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2009
7:30 p.m., Acton Town Hall, Rm. 121

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

1. BK called the meeting to order and minutes from May 2009 were reviewed. It was decided that the minutes required revisions before they are suitable for approval. BM to revise May minutes and resubmit for approval at the next meeting.
2. BK first noted that the demolition applicant for 54 Great Road has requested copies of the Commission's minutes from March through June 2009. BK to check with Town Clerk as to proper way to reply with copies of the available minutes. BM to send minutes approved thus far to BK for transmittal.
3. Next discussed were possible uses of the remaining Commission funds for FY 2008. AD suggested purchasing books on architecture to help inform the Commission on architectural importance and characteristics of historical buildings. VB suggested purchasing appropriate literature to educate the Commission further on National Register properties. KCH suggested that we hire Creative Camera to complete digitizing pictures and files for the cultural resource list properties. The Commission unanimously approved funding for all suggestions.
4. Next, the Commission discussed the proposal from Arthur Krim for work on three cemeteries. KCH related that Mr. Krim is willing to complete the necessary survey and National Register eligibility paperwork for \$12,500. BK and AD noted that there are existing records at the cemetery which will help with the survey and paperwork. The Commission unanimously moved to accept the proposal from Mr. Krim and to request that the Town hire him on the basis of the proposal.
5. The Commission reviewed the subdivision plans for Isaac Davis Circle, located at 348-352 Main Street. The Commission unanimously approved and submitted comments to the proposed subdivision, including the preservation of existing stone walls on the properties.
6. In preparation for the June 22nd review meeting with the Board of Selectmen, the Commission discussed updates to its statement of purpose, goals for the future, and current projects.
7. The Commission read and approved the proposed typographical corrections to Chapter N of the Town Bylaws, which will be voted upon at the June Special Town Meeting.

8. Lastly, the Commission discussed the proposed historic marker program. The Commission agreed to proceed with ordering a sample and to continue reviewing/revising the template for residents to order their own markers. BK agreed to check the 1935 housing stock to see what the maximum number of applications would be. KCH and BM agreed to send around application materials for the Commission to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Maxwell, clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library