



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

8/27/2019

7:30 PM

Room 126, Town Hall, 472 Main St, Acton, MA 01720

Present: David Honn (DH), Ron Regan (RR), Fran Arsenault (FA), Maria Crowley (MC), Art Leavens (AL).

Absent: Anita Rogers (AR), David Shoemaker (DS), Dean Charter (DC) BOS liaison.

1. Opening

Chair David Honn opened the meeting at 7:33 pm.

2. Regular Business Regular Business

- A. Citizen's Concerns – FA wrote a letter to Jen Benson thanking her for the funding for the Asa Parlin house.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – RR made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the meetings of Aug. 13th, AL seconded, motion approved unanimously.
- C. Review Project Tracking Spreadsheet – The West Acton Citizens Library reached out to DH about some work they need to do, MC assigned liaison, this should be a CNA. Chimney cap for 497 Main St. came in today but not on the schedule so we will review at next meeting, FA is liaison.
- D. Chair's update – The 53 River St. Committee is holding a new meeting on Sept. 3rd. The 4 Piper Lane ZBA meeting is postponed until Sept. 17th, the MHC gave no comment on the request for review.

3. New/Special Business [or other applicable agenda items]

- A. Partial Demo at 25-27 School St. (application 1924) by David Veo

Proposing to remove trailer (not under our purview), the garage building, and block and wood addition to the small blue building at the back as well as clean up other debris and overgrowth. FA already contacted the Beacon to publish notice for the public hearing scheduled for September 10th at 8PM (note: the notice wasn't printed and the hearing was re-scheduled to September 24th at 8PM.) FA will coordinate with David Veo for making payment for the notice in the paper. DH passed around the application with photos of the items being removed or demolished. It was noted that the HDC discussed these removals 2 years ago and had no objections. AL asked how long the blue building has been on the site, DH responded that he thought it dated to around 1900-1920. AL asked about the main building, DH responded that it was originally a school; RR added that it was originally located where the South Acton fire station is now and moved in the late 19th century. DH



also said the garage was added in the 1950s. DH to FA – we need to send out public hearing notices to the abutters. MC added that for a public hearing the notices are sent to abutters within 300 feet of the property. DH noted that it would be nice to not throw away the sign, possibly incorporate it to the site or donate to the HC. David Veo said he got a lot of offers to buy the sign.

No motion or voting.

Adjournment At 8:08 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of August 13th, 2019;
- Application 1915.