



ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025, 7:30 pm

Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bill Dickinson - Chair (BD), Ken Dow (KD), Bob Ferrara (BF), Barb Rhines - Cultural Resources Planner (BR),

Guests: none

Absent: Victoria Beyer (VB) and Bill Klauer (BK).

Chair BD called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

I. Regular Business

1. Review of meeting minutes December 11 – BD moved to approve the minutes of the December 11 meeting. KD seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Residents' concerns –

308 Old High Street. BD noted that he had received a request from the owner of the building housing RH Adhesives for a Letter of Support for a CPC grant to install sprinklers on this historic building at 308 Old High Street. BF moved that the Historical Commission support this request. KD seconded and the motion passed unanimously. BD will send the letter as requested.

Acton Underground Railroad Sites. BF shared a list created by the Acton Historical Society of the 9 sites in Acton recognized as Underground Railroad stations. The group will discuss possibilities for better recognition for these sites.

3. Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL? – None

4. Bridge project between Rail Trail and TTT at old Davis Road – BD is working on putting out an RFP to structural engineers and landscape architects.

5. Status of reconciling CRL to MACRIS (barn captures): None.

6. Under demo delay: None.

7. Historical Plaque Applications: No new applications.

8. Consultant for National Register Application for Woodlawn Cemetery: BD is developing an RFP for consultants for quotes to possible vendors to prepare the Woodlawn Cemetery National Register Application.

9. Concord Road Historical Corridor update: No update.

10. Acton 250 Committee update: BF shared an Acton 250 poster listing 10 events planning for the coming months prior to April 19. He was asked to distribute a PDF of the poster with all HC members. All the past and near-term upcoming Acton 250 events are posted on the Town web page at <https://www.actonma.gov/250>.

11. New Historic Sign Maker. BR suggested the next step is to ask Crosby to produce some sample plaques for the Asa Parlin house. BD then contacted VB by phone and she is very supportive and will send BR Crosby's contact information.

12. Process for initiating a demolition delay hearing. BR will schedule a Wednesday or Thursday meeting with Kristin Guichard so BR and BD can discuss options.

II. New/Special Business

1. **Schedule walk thru for 358B Great Road prior to 2/12 hearing.** BR provided a draft public hearing announcement on a request to demolish a historic building at 358B Great Road. BD will seek to contact the owner to schedule a morning visit that is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 9AM.

III. Consent Items - None

Adjournment: BK moved, and KD seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously at 8:00 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting.

1. Minutes of December 11, 2024 meeting of the Historical Commission