

Historic District Commission

Town Hall, room 126

Meeting Minutes, 2-26-2013

R E C E I V E D
MAR 13 2013

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM. Anita Rogers, Pam Lynn, Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann, and Michaela Moran in attendance. Mike Gowing attended as selectman liaison. David Honn joined the meeting within 5 minutes.

1/22/2013 and 2/13/2013 minutes are approved by consent.

Discussion of new member recruitment: David Shoemaker and Virginie Londre are considering membership. PL met with George Peabody, who lives outside the district, to discuss membership. PL characterized his views as 'forward looking'. MG contacted him as well to discuss membership. Mr. Peabody is starting a new job and may have to take an associate position. It may be desirable to add new members as associate members in order to allow the learning curve to occur. MM announced that she will step down at the end of her most recent turn. KAB's term is also ending in June, she intends to remain for another year to ease the transition. AR will remain on the HDC beyond the end of her first term.

Both letters of opinion, concerns, and partial support finally received by the CPC in the last few days. Bill Mullin, chair of Morrison Farm Committee, will be attending the next HDC meeting.

#1230-Goward Playground, 486 Main St., plan for playground only partially in the district. AR moved to accept the removal of older equipment and replacement of the equipment with handicapped accessible paths and equipment per the submitted site plan. DH seconded. Finding: majority of the site is not in the district, Recommendation: intersection of the paths be enlarged for the display of the donated bricks and ease of use by multiple participants. Unanimously approved.

CPC loan program: Walter Foster was to give an update to KAB but we have no word.

Violations: update on satellite dishes: second letter to be sent and followed up by the building department. PL has transcribed notes of the survey of South Acton violations made on 10/26/12. Plan is to revisit the survey in the next few weeks.

Final text by 3/12/13 for anything the HDC might wish to submit for the town warrant.

#1219-Montessori School, 537 Massachusetts Ave. –discussion of sign lighting. Lighting proposed is a sign star style C by B-K lighting. KAB – Your goal would be to have something as unobtrusive as possible. Light is finished in a white polyester powder-coat. AR moved to approve the addition of a sign star style C sign light by B-K lighting to the sign approved on 9/25/2012. Lighting to match existing one on 537 Mass Ave. Installation and placement to match existing but centered over the Montessori sign. DH seconded. Motion carried unanimously pending abutter notification. AR will send the notices.

MG gave the notes on the HDC meeting for the possibility for staff support.

PL asked to place the topic of a handbook for HDC members on a future agenda.

KAB announced that the paint seminar is Monday, March 18.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Moran

Secretary