

Acton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2013
7:30 PM, Acton Town Hall, Room 126

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AHC Members Present: Bill Dickinson (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), James Chiarelli (JC)
Belle Choate and Ann Forbes also attended the meeting.

BD called the meeting to order.

February 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes were approved. JC needs to be added to AHC Members Present.

1. Demolition of barn at 100 Martin St., Terry and Sima Martin (homeowners) in attendance. Barn was damaged in hurricane of 1938. Original date of construction is unknown. Cost of repair/rehabilitation judged to be prohibitive. Structure in its current state posed a safety hazard. Plans for architecturally compatible replacement structure shared with HC. HC will tentatively visit on March 19th at 8:00 AM. Date and time to be confirmed. After site visit, Public Meeting will be scheduled for regular HC meeting in April.
2. There will be a program on the use of exterior paints presented at the Library sponsored by the Historic District Commission.
3. Received from Massachusetts Historical Commission, an updated copy and supplement to the State Register of Historic Places 2012.
4. Application for Historic Plaque from Richard and Jennifer Martin, 15 Barker Road. VB will check property inventory form and pass on to Brad Maxwell (BM) if information is complete and property is eligible.
5. Morrison Farm (MF) – CPC's evaluation is complete, proposal has been approved, now going to Warrant. In second vote, bonding was accepted for no longer than 15 years. Board of Selectmen voted to allow demolition of MF barn. Cemetery Commission will give no land to MF project. HC has prohibited moving the Alarm Stone. Percentages of funding:
 - 5% of MF dollars is allotted to historic considerations
 - 5% goes to Open Space
 - 80% goes to "general"Project is now beyond HC influence/official determinations.
6. CPC updates – warrant is available on the Town web site.
7. Historic Plaque Program – mock-up of mailing card reviewed. Motion to table until HC meeting on April 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

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AHC Members Present: Bill Klauer (BK), Bill Dickinson (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Brad Maxwell (BM), Jim Chiarelli (JC) and Dave Clough (DC), the Commission's liaison to the Board of Selectmen

1. BK called the meeting to order. First, the Commission considered citizens' concerns. Belle Choate attended the meeting and relayed that an open meeting law complaint has been filed against the Morrison Farm Committee. DC related that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) is expecting the Morrison Farm Committee to return with a more finalized plan.
2. Next, minutes for the Commission's January 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
3. BK then recapped the Commission's communications from last month:
 - a. BK and BD drafted responses to questions posed by the Morrison Farm committee, using the minutes from recent Commission meetings, and forwarded the responses to Bill Mullin.
 - b. BK noted that the Planning Board has rendered its decision for the Central Street Planned Conservation Residential Community, which accounts for the important points of access for the Cemetery Commission and preservation of historical resources.
4. Discussion then turned to old business, and VB provided an update on the CPC application for the Morrison Farm project. VB noted that the application includes more funding than is available, and that using the historical funding allocation will carry forward into future years.
5. Next, regarding the Commission's Historical Plaque Program, BM will forward copies of the approved post-card text and photograph for advertisements, and BD will begin to coordinate with the printer.
6. Finally, the Commission noted that it will need to discuss at its next meeting how to update its filing system, perhaps with scanning existing files for electronic storage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library
Historic District Commission