

Historical Commission Minutes 4/11/22

Members present: Peter Johnson, Charlie Minott, Judy Grecco (all in person)
Chris Haraden (remote), Caleb Estabrooks (remote)
Others present: David DeGhetto (in person)
Kenton Greene (remote), Linda Glennon (remote), Steve Ryerson (remote)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from 3/7/22 meeting.

One change to the reference for the attorney for trust
Motion by Charlie to approve with the change
Second by Judy
Vote 4-0 (vote taken prior to Caleb's arrival)

733 Main Street. David DeGhetto provided an update. He thanked Commission for help at this point. Met at the site on April 8 with Michael Burrey, an engineer, a photographer, the building mover, an excavator, and Judy Grecco from the Commission.
Need to get the building off the property by the deadline of June 8.
Wires need to be moved in order to get house from Main to Union. Town Manager has offered to help get communication flowing with National Grid.
Need to find a place to park the house if it can't be moved because of the wires. The overall height of raised house while in transit could be an impediment.
Will be on two sections, moved to back of the lot.
Outbuildings also may be preserved.
Perc test pits can't be dug for another two weeks.
David has submitted a letter of intent to purchase the buildings and has letter of agreement to purchase the Union Street property.

Ken Greene - 511 Washington St. Can we move to the Curtis School property early in order to meet the deadline?

Linda Glennon, a neighbor who owns property at 755 Main St., is willing to speak to David about selling acreage next door. He will call her to get more information.

Town Weights and Measures Scale. Caleb has been in touch with the town manager and posted on the historical commission listserv, got a few responses. Will go to Marshfield to see what they have done. Some towns have removed the solid doors and replaced them with glass for display purposes. Have to decide about how much to refinish the cabinet and how to install lighting.
Peter believes it would qualify for CPA funding, so we can plan for fall application for funding. David DeGhetto mentioned consulting with Thayer Scale in Pembroke and provided a contact name there.

Establishing Local Historic Districts. Caleb attended the master plan implementation committee meeting. The local historic districts are mentioned in the plan, so there is a starting point for a planning committee. Potential for master plan implementation committee to vote to support it as a way to move it forward with the selectmen, who have to approve the study committee.

Historic Resources Project Phase 3. Charlie made the map and presented to the prior meeting. Properties already surveyed have been highlighted; Charlie cross-referenced those in MACRIS with addresses. About 125 properties not updated as yet. He will send out the spreadsheet that lists all by numbers and can be sorted by address, etc. so that people can drive by and choose ones to be surveyed.

Planning and goals for 2022. Demo delay bylaw; consider that part of the process of demolition include a requirement that the owner fund the photographing and drawing of the house so there is a record of it for the files.

Preservation awards - Chris and Judy to investigate ideas.

Endangered properties – We had compiled a list a few years ago; we should update to identify some that we would like to preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Town meeting is May 2

Next meeting: May 9