

Local Historic District Commission Meeting

July 18, 2023

Attending: Pamela Campbell Smith, Chair, Evelyn Walker, Jayne Talmage O'Farrell, Phil Tuck, Renee Mierzejewski, Georgia Taft Pye

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Chair Pam Campbell Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. For new business, Pam said that an application for the Ritch residence at 620 Washington Street will be prepared for Annual Town Meeting consideration. Pam said she would contact neighbors of the Ritch's to see if anyone else would be interested in considering putting their property in a Local Historic District. Phil Tuck asked if it would be possible to resubmit the Bluefish Fire House for re-consideration. Evelyn Walker suggested being in touch with the Fire Department and the Harbor Master to see if they would consider supporting the re-application.

Pam mentioned that she has received a request from the Attorney General's office regarding an affidavit for the Reuben Drew House. Evelyn said the affidavit had been signed by the owner and dropped at the Planning Board office. Pam said she would follow up on that question.

Georgia Taft Pye suggested that we discuss the format for inviting property owners to put their historic homes in a district. Pam mentioned that there was a form letter used in the past and she will send that around. She also said she would ask Emily Hadley to update the brochure that could be included in the outreach contact effort. Renee said she had extras of the video thumb drive that could be included as well. Georgia also suggested that we invite Chris Ryan and Mike McGee to a future meeting and also plan to meet with Jennifer Doherty of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Pam mentioned that Janet Ritch will be stepping off the LHDC after many years of service. She expressed the whole Commission's gratitude to Janet. Pam also announced that Jayne Talmage O'Farrell will be a full member and Phil Tuck will continue as an Alternate. She said Michael Faute will serve as an Alternate once he has been sworn in.

Pam brought up the planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Historic District Day, to be held on September 9, 2023 at the Alden House barn. She said she will send out a "Save the Date" announcement to all owners of property in Local Historic Districts. She will mail these in mid-August. Georgia said she would do two articles for the Clipper issues for August 9 and 23 announcing the event and giving background information on William Young, the featured speaker.

Evelyn Walker moved that the meeting minutes for June 20 2023 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jayne Talmage O'Farrell and passed unanimously.

Evelyn Walker moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Georgia Taft Pye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be August 22, 2023 at the Senior Center