

Meeting Minutes: Local Historic District Commission -- September 13, 2023

TOWN CLERK

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Attending: Pamela Campbell Smith, chair, Terry Vose, Evelyn Walker, Michael Fauts, Renee Mierzejewski, Georgia Taft Pye

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Member of the Public: Selectboard member Michael McGee

Pamela Campbell Smith called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Pam said she had met with Krista Knowles, the Director of Facilities for the Town of Duxbury. Krista said the Town was reluctant to place town-owned properties in Local Historic Districts because of the staff time and meetings involved with possible building change requests that would require evening meetings with the Local Historic District Commission. The Town is therefore asking for an exception to the procedures for the Commission that would allow them to make like-kind repairs or replacements without coming before the Commission. Selectboard member, Mike McGee, said that the Town buildings would show on town maps as being in a Local Historic District. Renee Mierzejewski requested that there be a designation in the applications denoting what were the historic parts of the Town-owned properties that would be repaired or replaced in a like-kind manner. Pam suggested that those details be copied for repair and replacement. Pam said she would write up a draft of the understanding between the Town and the Local Historic District Commission and would discuss it with Town Manager Rene Read and reach an agreement. She also suggested running the draft by Chris Skelly. Mike McGee said he was fine with the idea of the agreement and the exception for the Town properties if it was OK with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Pam asked for a vote from Commission members on this proposal for the exception for the Town. Georgia Taft Pye so moved and Evelyn Walker seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Pam said that the 4th Annual Local Historic District Day, held at the Alden Barn with guest speaker and Town Historian Tony Kelso, was a success. Georgia said she was sending thank you notes to both Tony and Desiree Mobed, the Director of the Alden House Historic Site which hosted the event, and would submit a press release to the Clipper.

Pam announced that the next meeting would be October 17, 2023 at the Senior Center at 7p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.