

Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting January 10th, 2021, Zoom Meeting

Members present: Jacqueline Dormitzer, Suzanne Wadsworth, Mark St. Onge, Julia Gleason, Noel Collins, Megan Elder

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Captains' Walk Signage

Jackie had shared the signs via email with the Commission for feedback. Suggestion to remove "at left" in the Bates Wharf sign. The field survey is now complete marking a step forward for the Harbor Committee. The website <https://www.cohassetwharf.com/> was shared as a location to see the renovation plans for Atlantica and for a new inn at the site of the Lobster Pound.

Lawrence Wharf Signs

Jackie received a quote of \$520 to refresh the two signs. Work includes prepping, repainting and installing new prints. There is no rush to get this work done as the current ones still work; they're still legible. The work to refresh these two signs will be put on the "back-burner" for a while.

Historical Commission Brochure

Work slowed over the holidays, and the increase in COVID cases prohibited in-person meetings for this sub-committee. Slow progress will continue.

Report of Liaison to MPIC

Nothing to report. This meeting was delayed for two weeks.

Other Projects

Jackie raised two new potential projects for the group:

1. Adding a plaque at the location of Lions Den off Beach Street where a significant volume of Native American artifacts were found. This is on private property so would require getting approval from the property owner. Jackie will reach out to him/her and will also get a quote for the price of the plaque. The question was raised as to whether or not drawing attention to the site would cause present-day Native Americans to then lay claim. Given that the Quonahassit Indians are no longer a tribe, this would be unlikely to happen.
2. Reconstructing the iron signal tower on Beacon Rock. This was deemed a less desirable project as it'd likely be an "attractive nuisance." This idea was tabled in favor of #1.

Unanticipated Business

There was a small discussion on Cove Road and whether it would be eliminated in the Captains' Walk work. The plans are still under discussion. Jackie will share with the group if another public meeting is being held so that we can provide input.

Next meeting will be on 2/15.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Elder, Secretary