

Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting March 14th, 2022, Zoom Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Update on Captains' Walk: Review of signs 9 & 10 (Head of Ship Cove and New Shipyard)

Julia and Noel commented that they found the signs a little unclear. The graphic designer may be able to help improve the clarity if necessary. Jackie is open to any specific suggestions to improve the signs, just reach out to her with any specific ideas for improvement. Jackie was in touch with Susan Hoadley who said she'd gladly incorporate the signs into the final plans for the area. Jackie will reach out to Cohasset Hospitality Partners to share the Commission's vision for the signs; we expect that group to be happy to have the updated signs on the property.

Update on NR Listing for Cohasset Savings Bank

The Massachusetts Historical Society shared with Jackie that they were not satisfied with the description of the current first floor compared to what it was originally. They need more information regarding the changes that have been made over time. Jackie located the original 1898 blueprints which she'll send via email.

Update on Lion's Den/Alternative Ideas

The Lion's Den was demolished by excavators and is essentially a pile of rocks at this point so discussion was had around whether or not it was worth marking the area with a sign. Noel asked the Commission for permission to research the Lion's Den and said he would ask the landowners at 55 Beach Street for permission to view whatever may remain of the Lion's Den. Mark agreed to work with Noel.

Another idea for signage was Smith's Rock located on the Bellarmine estate from where the Native Americans shot arrows at Captain John Smith's team as they were leaving Cohasset.

A sign could also be placed in the Beechwood area which is believed to be the spot where the Quonahassit Indians built their winter village. The next step is to research what specifically was located in this area which led people to believe it was a village location. Determining this will help in crafting the text for a potential sign.

Update on CHC Brochure

Suzy shared an initial write-up which the sub-committee will refine and add to. The sub-committee aims to meet in person shortly as the weather improves and an outdoor meeting can be held.

Unanticipated Business

Jackie is seeking ideas for projects for the Commission. Once the Captains' Walk work is completed, we'll want another project behind it.

Julia noted that there was nothing to report on regarding the MPIC; their next meeting is April 4th.

CHC next meeting will be April 4th

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Elder, Secretary