

Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting January 11th, 2021, Zoom Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Reports

Julia provided an update on the Master Plan Implementation Committee's activities: They did not talk about the demo delay bylaw, nor anything else relevant to the Historical Commission. Primary topics were ideas for the Elm Street Corridor and the need for Cohasset to have two fire stations.

Suzy provided an update on the latest from the CPC: Nothing significant to report. No votes were taken in the CPC meetings because there were no presentations. They'll meet again sometime in January.

Historic Preservation

Jackie reviewed the differences between local historic districts and the National Register of Historic Districts. She outlined for the group what each is, and what they do so that Commission members could be clear about the differences.

Selection of building for National Register application:

The group discussed an assortment of buildings as potential sites with which to start. It was noted that it'd be easier to do a single structure than to attempt to designate a district. Ultimately, through a vote, the old Cohasset Savings Bank at 13 Elm Street was the winner.

Other popular contenders were:

- Brown property in Beechwood
- Old Joseph Osgood school (current town library)
- 24 South Main Street (old Independence Building, currently Seabird Coffee)
- 179 South Main St. - Noel Ripley's old house
- 27 King Street - Dan Cotton's house

Norwell Historical Commission Booklet

www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/10100249/norwell-historical-commission-booklet

The group liked the booklet that the Norwell Historical Commission had created and decided that Cohasset would benefit from a similar publication. A book like this would allow us to tell people who the Commission

is and what the Commission stands for - it would set us apart. Suzy, Julia and Megan volunteered to spearhead its creation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Elder, Secretary