

Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting

February 6th, 2023

Members present: Jacqueline Dormitzer, Mark St. Onge, Julia Gleason, Merle Brown, Martin St. John, and Megan Elder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:47.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Review of Annual Report

The group reviewed and approved the Annual Report prepared by Jackie.

Report on New Webpage Links

The group reviewed the updated draft copy for all sections. All copy was generally approved. It was suggested that we potentially reduce the length of the History of Cohasset section but not eliminate acknowledgement of the Native American aspect of our history or the following sentence is maintained in the shortened version: "Cohasset is proud of its historical heritage."

Megan and Mark to review the format of other South Shore towns' Historical Commission websites as other towns have done a good job presenting this information. We can potentially mimic the approach taken by other towns where good examples exist.

Wadleigh Park Update

Jackie informally connected with Chris Senior in passing and Wadleigh Park was discussed. Chris noted that the call box and bulletin board need to remain in place for safety reasons. Jackie suggested possibly moving them to the other side of the street (parking side). Chris noted that he'd keep it under consideration.

Using maps provided by Gary Vanderweil, we learned that the park does not abut Straits Pond as originally thought.

Proposal for New Historic District(s)

If a new historic district is created, it's likely a new "Historic Districts Commission" would be formed which would supersede individual historic district commissions for particular areas. Former chair of the Hingham Historic Commission, Scott Ford, will be attending our next Historic Commission meeting; Jackie would like the group to come prepared with questions, possibly exploring the Hingham Historical District Commission's website for ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Elder, Secretary