

Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting April 12th, 2021, Zoom Meeting

Members present: Jacqueline Dormitzer, Suzanne Wadsworth, Mark St. Onge, Megan Elder

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

Update on Historical Commission Brochure

Progress has been made, but at a slower pace recently. Suzie, Julia and Megan had a Zoom meeting. Julia is currently editing drafts of written pieces thus far. The group is also working on creating a Bibliography of materials that the public can access at Town Hall and online.

Unrelated to the brochure, Suzie was curious about the Historical Commission's lack of input into the new Town Hall project. The Cohasset Common Historic District committee has been involved but Suzie would like to see more input from the Historical Commission. Jackie will contact Chris Senior to request that we be included in the discussion.

Captain's Walk Project

Jackie spoke to George McGoldrick who said he would contact Jackie in September about how our Captain's Walk project could potentially fit into the development plans for a walkway around the harbor. Construction won't start until late 2021 or early 2022 so there is time, but George is aware that the Historical Commission would like to put signage along the harbor walkway.

Jackie also spoke to Tim Davis who appointed George Baumgarten to serve as a liaison between the Harbor Committee and the Commission. Jackie has been in communication with George and is pleased to hear that he is enthusiastic about his new role. George sent Jackie a thorough email of his thoughts on our intended approach.

The group then discussed what type of signage should be used to best withstand the weather. Those used at Lawrence Wharf do not appear to be holding up well. Jackie found online that the National Park Service has a good resource dedicated to signage. Jackie encouraged Commission members to be on the lookout for good examples of attractive, durable signage.

In terms of funding, there is potential to ask the CPC next year. We could also consider seeking private donors - an approach taken in the 1980s that worked well.

Cohasset Savings Bank National Register Eligibility

Jackie completed the application and has submitted it to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. A representative promptly replied confirming receipt and sharing that the application will be reviewed at their next Evaluation meeting. Once reviewed, a letter will be sent regarding the decision.

The next Cohasset Historical Commission meeting is May 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Elder, Secretary