

## **Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting May 10th, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

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

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

### **Town Hall Building Committee Presentation**

The Building Committee walked through their plans and answered questions from the group. The committee is aiming to interact with as many groups and committees in town to collect as much community feedback as possible.

Primary discussion points:

- Old jail cell in basement: Noel was curious to know if the cell will be preserved or if the significant items - iron door and iron cot - should possibly be moved to another building such as the Historical Society building. The Building Committee noted that there is very little being done in the basement so the current cell will remain intact in its current location.
- Locked storage space for town history books: Member from Building Committee to join Jackie for a tour of the current storage space. Measurements to be taken to determine if similar space could be created in the new annex. Jackie also requested that a desk and two chairs be made available so that she, the town archivist, could have space to work and accommodate another individual.
- Auditorium: The auditorium will remain but will be improved. The Building Committee hopes to increase its utility to the community.
- Windows: There was much discussion about the style of updated windows. Some images on the rendering didn't quite accurately depict the plan, in particular a set of windows on the south side of the building. There was concern that the windows appeared to be covered up in the rendering, but the Commission was assured that the intention was not to fill in any windows.

The Building Committee will be returning at another upcoming Commission meeting to continue the conversation and to touch base on key points.

### **MPIC Report**

There was a big focus on the Elm Street corridor at the latest MPIC meeting. The Commission generally had concerns that there would be a disconnect between the village and the freshened up style of the harbor. There is potential to better connect the two areas. Julia to raise this at a future MPIC meeting. Additionally, Julia will bring up the large anchor currently sitting in the harbor's memorial park. The Commission does not want the anchor to get lost in the development.

**Historical Commission Brochure Update**

The subcommittee met a week ago to discuss the progress. Suzy shared an outline of the project and the Commission was aligned to the topics. As the library opens up more and becomes more usable, the subcommittee can really get to work on drafting up the various pieces.

The next meeting will be June 14th

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Elder, Secretary