



TOWN OF WINCHESTER
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
WINCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01890

Meeting Minutes

Date/Room: June 6, 2016
Winchester High School (Media Center)

Members Present: Heather von Mering (Chair), Jenny Adams, Janet Boswell, John Clemson,
Bruce Hickey, Jack LeMenager

Members Absent: Michelle McCarthy

Also Present: None

A quorum being in attendance, the hearing was called to order at 7:08.

Planning Board Meeting

Chair Heather von Mering informed the Commission that the Planning Board had requested a joint meeting with the Historical Commission on June 28 for the purpose of discussing the Community Preservation Act (CPA), Local Historic Districts (LHD) and the Commission's idea of a new fee structure for demolition permits.

Winchester By-Law, Chapter 14

Chair von Mering asked that the next meeting, originally set for June 13, be rescheduled for June 20 to ensure full attendance, since at least two members would be unable to attend on June 13. The principal purpose of the meeting will be to continue discussion of Chapter 14.

Von Mering reported that, in the interim, she would meet with the Town Controller to discuss the appropriate methodology for funding the Commission's activities in terms of fund-raising activities and earmarked fees. She will report her findings at the June 20 meeting. There was some discussion about the possibility of selling plaques to residents to demarcate their certified historic homes.

Winchester Boat Club

Because of its historic designation, the Historical Commission has been asked to submit an opinion to the Zoning Board of Appeals ahead of its June 8 review of the boat club’s application for a variance. There was consensus that the Commission should await the outcome of the ZBA’s decision and any subsequent appeal by neighbors before getting involved, since an appeal would trigger a review by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, which would, in turn, seek the Winchester Historical Commission’s opinion.

Motion That the Historical Commission approve a motion to draft a letter to the ZBA indicating that the proposed alterations and additions would have no adverse impact on the property’s historical values. John Clemson will draft the letter and submit it to other members for review.

5 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention (von Mering) VOTED
Absent: Michelle McCarthy

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 20, 2016 in a room to be determined, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Jack LeMenager

Heather von Mering, Chair Date