

Historical Commission Meeting: Remote Participation - April 27, 2022

Attendees: Frank Chamberlain, Carol Kosicki, Mary Greendale, James Keast (Minute Taker),

Frank Chamberlain read the remote meeting bylaw statement and a roll call of attendance was taken.

Water Fountain

James Keast led a discussion that the fountain (not a horse trough) was moved back to the side of Town Hall and was oriented in its original configuration.

Town Hall Septic System

It was discussed what are the next steps with restoring the side of Town Hall with respect to the plantings. James Keast explained that the fountain can be located close to its former position, the patio and granite posts will be reinstalled in the same location and that all of the plantings removed (transplanted during the project) will be replanted by the garden club.

Design Guidelines

Mary Greendale led a discussion regarding the development of design guidelines for the downtown business district. It was agreed that we should be working off an existing document and modify it for use by Holliston. James Keast will speak with Karen Sherman in the planner's office about anything that may be existing. Frank Chamberlain that we define the area to the Village Commercial District.

Demolition Delay Law

Frank Chamberlain led a discussion on modifying the current Demolition Delay Bylaw timeframe from the current 6 months to 9 months to be more in line with other communities. If the Commission determines that the building or structure is preferably preserved, it may impose a demolition delay of six (6) months from the date of such determination.

General Discussions

A discussion was had to include some information ("neat stories") about some of the folks buried in the town cemeteries especially to have available for the 300th anniversary of the Town.

A discussion about a plaque for the Fountain in front of town hall took place. The plaque could explain the history of the fountain and include some images of the original location. Mary Greendale explained the process she took when developing plaques for the Rail Trail. Frank Chamberlain suggested that other areas in town could use a plaque like the old muster field at Goodwill Park.

Next meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2022.

Mary Greendale made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James Keast seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

