

Historical Commision Meeting: In Person Participation - August 3, 2022 - 7:15 PM Start

Attendees: Frank Chamberlain, Carol Kosicki, Mary Greendale, Ben Clarkson, James Keast (Minute Taker), Guests: Sarah Zarrelli

Historic Preservation Pan

Frank discussed that we should look at the design standards and historic guidelines in combination with respect to rehabilitation work, restoration or something new being built. In general our goal is to focus on the exterior envelope of the building, not the interior. The design guidelines need to be specific and model what is used in the towns of Bedford and Walpole.

Next steps are for each member of the committee to review the Bedford and Walpole guidelines and offer suggestions for use with Holliston. We will come to the next meeting with our thoughts on what we must have in the Holliston Plan. James will find the village commercial map to define the area where the guidelines will apply.

General Discussions

James discussed the various updates on the clock in front of the old TD Bank, Central Fire Station Clock and the fire alarm mechanism in the Town Hall. The clock now in front of Holliston Dental had its power cut when the dental office was renovated. It will be reconnected. James is working with an expert to restore the clock in the Central Fire Station. The same expert analyzed the mechanism in the Town Hall and made a determination that it was a fire alarm.

Ben discussed that he has been photographing the interior of the Batchelder house behind Town Hall. He would like to preserve some of the interior details if possible and will work with the current owner to do so. Ben indicated that there are several intricate details in the woodwork.

Ben asked if the ARPA COA grant that provides repair to seniors' homes, could be used for historic restorations. It was discussed that the ARPA funds are to be used to allow folks to age in place (ramps, grab bars, etc) rather than being used to make historic restorations.

Mary made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2022. Frank seconded the motion. All in favor 5/0.

Cemetery Preservation Project

James gave an update on the cemetery preservation project. One of the critical components of the project is an inventory of current conditions. The committee discussed gathering an inventory team to review the various sites. It was further discussed that a checklist would be needed. James to develop the document and share at the next meeting.

Next meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2022.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary seconded the motion. All in favor 5/0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.