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Northborough Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2022 called to order 7:03 PM

Members present: Norm Corbin-Chair, Leslie Harrison-Vice Chair, Mike Duchesneau, Brian Smith, Bruce Chute, Brian Swanson, Alternates: Bob Licht, Amanda Derosier Millette, Tom Reardon, Lorna Helms.

Absent: Millie Milton

Norm Corbin read Governor Baker's Covid 19 emergency public meeting notice.

Prior meeting minutes:

January 24 meeting minutes: Approved unanimously as written. (Motion by Leslie Harrison, seconded by Brian Smith).

Old Business:

Chauncy Hall (National Register listed) and several other associated Westborough State Hospital buildings scheduled to be torn down are torn down. The Community Advocate newspaper has been sent info on this for future publication.

National Register application for the Howard Street Cemetery: the contractor, Lisa Mausolf, is expected to have a draft in hand by May. It may still be a two year or so process to complete approvals.

Historic Preservation Plan: We now have the whole document together, 97 pages plus a 65 page appendix. Our consensus is that it is ready for and will be forwarded to the Planning Board, Town Planner, Mass Historical Commission and Historical Society for comment in hopes of having it back in a month or so.

New Business:

Norm clarified that the Historical Society school project that is seeking volunteers is for 3rd and 4th grade students.

Communication was received from Dr. R Volk suggesting proposals for downtown historic districts. Norm expressed appreciation for his inputs but stated we are not ready for this yet and that the proposal should also go to the Master Plan Implementation Committee as a next step. Norm also reminded us that downtown historic districts were proposed in the 1970's and failed as some homeowners were not on board with it.

Lorna Helms said she had not yet found a reason why we might be asked by realtors for information on historical building restrictions.

Tom Reardon noted that in the late 19th century, women began to show up as owners and developers of properties and he may look into that.

Next meeting: scheduled for Wednesday April 20 in person.

Adjournment: motion made by Leslie Harrison seconded by Brian Smith and approved unanimously at approximately 7:36 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Brian Swanson