

**Minutes Regular Meeting
January 23, 2018
Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room**

Members Present:

Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, Laura Moore, Greg Premru, George Wheatley

Member(s) Absent

Elaine Chamberlain

Others Present:

Elena Beleno Carney, *HDC member candidate*, Steve Lieman, *Old Groton Meeting House*
Maureen Adema, Admin Asst.

Meeting Called to Order 7:33 PM

186 Main Street, Bob Collins – Certificate of Appropriateness

Rescheduled to February 27, 2018

Old Groton Meeting House, Steve Lieman- Mr. Lieman thanked the HDC for the letter expressing support for Old Groton Meetinghouse's application for CPC funds.

He updated the Commission on the Old Meeting House Preservation construction/work. Phase one is complete. Private funds have been raised to support proposed work in Phase two. The group is also seeking 65k CPC funds for the work. The proposed work for Phase Two includes clock repair, windows and painting.

The Commission asked that Mr. Lieman keep the HDC informed of the progress of the work/project.

Elena Beleno Carney- Candidate for Commission

Ms. Beleno Carney is a teacher at Lawrence Academy. As a teenager she was a student at Lawrence Academy. She received a law degree while in Maryland, and worked for the state senates in Massachusetts and Texas doing committee work. She is opening a Health Center business at 66 Boston Road next month with her family. She currently teaches English and Spanish at Lawrence Academy and also coaches' hockey and lacrosse.

Peter Benedict made a motion to support the appointment of Elena Beleno Carney by the Town Manager for the open seat on the Historic Districts Commission. Greg Premru seconded. Vote was unanimous.

170 Old Ayer Road, Prescott House

George Wheatley informed the Commission that he contacted Chris Skelly, Massachusetts Historical Commission. Mr. Skelly told him that a single house/property can be a Historical District on its own. Laura Moore stated that the Log School at Lost Lake is a single property in this status.

Mr. Wheatley would like to get the Prescott House at 170 Old Ayer Road the single house/property status of its own Historical District.

Peter Benedict questioned if the HDC has the right to make Indian Hill Music keep the house. Greg Premru stated he believed the townspeople would be in favor of Indian Hill keeping the house. Laura Moore did not believe the HDC could do anything to ensure that Indian Hill Music keep the house. Maureen Giattino stated the building demo delay by-law doesn't have much power. It only delays the taking down of a structure for six months but does not prevent the demolition.

Greg Premru stated a dialog should be started with Town Counsel and Indian Hill Music to see what can and is willing to be done to save the house. Maureen Giattino said she will contact Bob Collins for input. Greg Premru explored the timeline/ available time before the house could be taken down. (I.e. dates for CPC funding award, Demolition Delay and Demo Building Permit etc...)

Administrative Business

Town Report draft was reviewed, edited and approved by the members for the 2017 Annual Town Report.

Commission reviewed and approved HDC Meeting Dates for calendar year 2018.

Minutes

George Wheatley made a motion to accept minutes of December 21, 2017. Maureen Giattino seconded. Vote was unanimous

Greg Premru made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Benedict seconded. Vote was unanimous

Adjourned at 9:22 PM

Next meeting, February 27, 2017.