Town of Groton

**173 Main Street**

**Groton, MA 01450**

**Historic Districts Commission**

**August 16, 2022**

**7:30 pm**

**First Floor Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Peter Benedict, George Wheatley, Maureen Giattino, Brian Cartier, Lisa Hicks

**Others Present**: Judy Anderson

**Admin Assistant**: Kara Cruikshank

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Chair Peter Benedict**

**Groton Historic Districts Commission**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**172 Main St**

**ASSESSORS MAP 113-3**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a virtual Public Hearing via Zoom on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm.** This meeting will beheldto consider the application submitted by **the Groton Historical Commission,** seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **172 Main Street, Assessors Map 113-3,** to relocate the Prescott Stone on the grounds of the Groton History Center. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

Mr. George Wheatley, Member of the Groton Historical Commission, presented the request from the GHC to place the stone at the Historical Museum. The proposed location of the stone will be to the left of the driveway, the opposite site of the Boutwell House. The object is to allow the install of the stone in its present state. There will be signage for the History of Jonas Prescott placed near the stone. He has a long and interesting history and is buried in the Old Cemetery between school street and Hollis Street, Member Wheatley said.

*Member Comments/ Suggestions:*

*No Member comments*

*Public Comments/Suggestions****:***

*No Public Comments*

**Member Cartier made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 172 Main St. to relocated the Prescott Stone to the rear of the property near the carriage house as proposed. Ms. Giattino seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Temporary Sign Permit Application- Lawrence Academy, 26 Powderhouse Road**

The proposed Open House signage specs are 8Ft. x 3Ft. The sign will be double-sided with wind holes. The sign will be on the east side of route 119 on LA’s property, side Powerhouse Rd before playground.

Johnathan from LA was present for the Anticipated sign posting date

*Comment/ Questions from the public*

Judy Anderson asked if he could put the LA sign up for two 10

**20 Hollis Street-Public Hearing Continuation**

The HDC Administrator explained during the July meeting the members voted to approve the original submitted application. The application could be amended to add the copula therefore another vote will have to be taken.

**Member Giattino Made a motion to amend the Certificate of Appropriateness for 20 Hollis Street, to add a copula on a garage. Member Wheatley seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Temporary Signs in the District**

Temporary signs/sandwich boards have been an ongoing issue within the district. The members decided to leave things as is (sandwich boards not allowed) and if small business owners want to have them, the HDC would like to have them come before the board. The district will all have to comply with not allowing sandwich boards.

**Minutes from July 19, 2022**

Member Wheatley wanted to make a correction to the July minutes: Member Benedict to Chairman Benedict

**Member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022. Member Giattino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 PM**

Respectfully Submitted By: