Groton Historical Commission

October 5, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Mike LaTerz, Aubrey Theall, Allen King, Joshua Vollmar, Bob DeGroot

Members Absent: Michael Danti, George Wheatley

Guests: Al Collins, Anna Eliot, Judy Anderson, Chip Detwiller

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

Agenda amended to allow Al Collins to address the committee within the limited timeframe he had available.

2. Al presents his experience in working with Prescott House; its current physical condition, and possible options for preservation. Stabilization options are discussed. The idea of speaking with David Ottinger about preservation is also discussed.  David worked with Al on the mural preservation project at Prescott House a few years ago.

3. Prescott House subcommittee report: Aubrey-Has spoken to Trustees of the Reservation, Preservation Massachusetts, and others in an effort to understand the various preservation programs, options, and potential funding sources that are available for use in any preservation efforts at Prescott House. RFP is considered for a possible project with Trustees of Reservation. This project would provide a detailed summary of current condition of Prescott House and costs to stabilize critical areas.  A 2 page summary for CPA funding to support any work with Trustees is discussed.  Committee agrees that it needs to speak with Bob Anderson to determine if GHM would allow any of this work to occur before assembling the RFP and 2 page summary.

4. Historic Commission Charter update: Mike LaTerz and Al Collins- confirmed that Groton Historic Commission charter is covered in Chapter 40, section 8D of Town Bylaws.

5. Inventory of Historic Assets: Tabled until Michael Danti returns

6. Massachusetts Historic Commission update: Aubrey-Nothing this group can do to assist in Prescott House preservation efforts.

7. Old Meeting House, general updates: Allen- Old Meeting House had a great event in October for dedication of the National Register plaque.  The Window Restoration project is moving forward; funding efforts are underway. $50k grant already approved. Now working to accumulate local matching funds.  Also, efforts have begun to create digital images of the Old Meeting House silver collection.

8. Prescott Stone update: George- Tabled until next meeting.

9. Any topics not anticipated within 48hrs of meeting: none

10. New business: none

11. Motion to adjourn made by Allen King, seconded by Mike LaTerz. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 16 November at 7PM.