Groton Historical Commission

January 11, 2023

Virtual meeting

Attendees: Aubrey Theall, Michael Danti, Allen King, Joshua Vollmar, Bob DeGroot

Absent: Mike LaTerz

Guest: Cynthia Swezey

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

2. Inventory of Historic Assets: tabled until next meeting, no updates at this time.

3. Prescott House subcommittee: Aubrey-first proposal rec'd in response to RFP that was distributed for Prescott House study. Hoping for more responses. Suggests that we contact a RE agent to create a listing for Prescott House.  We can circulate that listing on Instagram for national distribution in hopes of attracting someone willing to purchase/relocate Prescott House.

Also suggests that the committee advertise its next meeting beyond just the Town website.  Also post in the Groton Herald in an attempt to get more people to attend.  Trying to gauge public sentiment toward Prescott House. This will be an in person meeting. Cynthia Swezey provided a summary of her time living in Prescott House.  She strongly supported the current preservation efforts.

4. Old Meeting House update: Alan-met earlier today with the window restoration company.  Project to restore church windows begins on 12 Jan. Process will include removal of windows, installing temporary plywood covers, rebuilding the window frames, and re-installing the windows once restoration is complete.

5. Prescott Stone: Update- goal of the project is to have the stone installed in its new location at Groton History Center by end of 2023.

6. Historic Commission website update: Mike LaTerz was unable to attend.  Discussion tabled until next meeting.

7. Aids Attic update: Mike LaTerz was unable to attend this meeting.  Discussion tabled until next meeting.

8. Historic Commission files stored at Town Hall: On Friday 2 December, 2022, Mike LaTerz and Joshua Vollmar reviewed Histcomm's files that were stored in Legion Hall.  These were then transported to Town Hall and stored with other HistComm files on the third floor.

10.New Business: Destination Groton has been working with Joshua Vollmar to develop a summary of historic Groton.

11. Allen Kings makes a motion to adjourn. Michael Danti seconds.  Roll Call vote: Aubrey, Michael, Allen, Joshua, and Bob all in favor.  Motion carried by unanimous vote.  Meeting adjourned at 755pm. Next meeting 1 March 2023.