Groton Historical Commission- Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

Groton Town Hall

7:00 PM

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Aubrey Theall.
2. January minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Discussion of need to recruit of one additional Commissioner and up to three alternates, transition planning. Mike Laterz and Bob DeGroot to rotate off the commission this spring. Richard Nason and Gus Widmayer to replace. Recommendation of Mr. Widmayer to the Select Board to be nominated to the Historical Commission passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Nason's candidacy was voted on previously.
4. Prescott House Updates (Aubrey Theall):
   1. 18 month demo delay clock continues to tick toward November 2024.
   2. Two parties toured the house the first week of January. Volume of phone/email inquiries has substantially increased. At least one party is looking at an in-town move.
   3. Fundraising effort to raise $8k for LIDAR scanning, report. Groton History Center is receptive to eventually working together on some form of exhibit. Aubrey asked folks to think about fundraising strategies.
5. Historical Mile Marker CPC Application update. Michael LaTerz reports application is in.
6. Bancroft Castle Preservation Study CPC Application update. Aubrey Theall and Joshua Vollmar report application is in.
7. Historical Plaque pilot program (Michael LaTerz, Joshua Vollmar). Vote taken to approve plaque for home owned by Jim Derosiers at 228 Main St, approved by unanimous vote.
8. Groton Master Plan (Commission), keeping on radar screen.
9. Any topics not anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. Aubrey reminded Commissioners to complete mandatory conflict of interest training.
10. New business.
11. Schedule next meeting
12. Meeting adjourned at 8pm by unanimous vote.