Groton Historical Commission- Minutes

November 20, 2024

7pm – Groton Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by the Chair.
2. October minutes accepted by unanimous vote as presented.
3. 573 Longley Road demolition permit application. Dilapidated shed determined to have no historical value. Barn it is attached to believed to be built in the 1930's. Historical Commission approval of demolition permit approved by unanimous vote.
4. Prescott House updates: Demo permit has been issued. House may be salvaged by an individual from PA. Expected house will be demolished by 12/31.
5. FY25 funded CPC project updates:
   1. Bancroft Castle- Waiting for report. Summary application is in for actual preservation work.
   2. Historical mile marker project. Richard Nason to search for missing uprooted marker.
6. FY26 CPC funding cycle application update, all proposed projects except for Bancroft Castle restoration are determined to be ineligible. There is interest in seeking alternate funding for the joint project with the Library to create a digital repository for scanned documents.
7. Groton Master Plan will be removed from agenda going forward, our work in this matter is complete.
8. Discussion of improving/tightening Groton's demolition delay bylaw. Joshua Vollmar circulated a copy of a demo delay bylaw from Danvers that is believed to be superior to Groton's. Joshua to work on an updated draft of Groton's. This would need to be approved at Town Meeting.
9. Historical Plaque Program. Allen King's plaque has been installed but has an error. The vendor will replace.
10. Topics not anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting.
    1. Aubrey Theall brought up that there is a CPC project application for repairs to the Williams Barn that may be worthy of a letter of support from the Historical Commission. More to come.
    2. Richard Nason brought up the Prescott Common and the Prescott monument. Monument could be better featured, is inconspicuous. Will be added to next meeting agenda.
11. New business (none).
12. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:52pm.