

CONCORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Public Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022 7:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk's office, the Town of Concord Historical Commission held a virtual public meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. using the Zoom meeting platform. Meeting ID: 828 5280 1075 Password: 855566

Commission Members Present: Melissa Saalfield, Nancy Nelson, Robert Gross, Michael Capizzi, Alan Bogosian, Rebecca Lemaitre

Staff: Heather Gill, Senior Planner

Others: Linda Escobedo, Anke Voss, Ellen, Chuck Gibson, Nancy Fresella Lee, Joanne Gibson, L. Stetson – Mass Audubon, Diane Proctor, Peter Lee, Henry Moss, Andrew Fienberg, Ned Perry, Renata Pomponi, Brooks Read

Ms. Saalfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. by a roll call vote.

Proposed Scenic Roads Bylaw

Ms. Saalfield asked the Commission if they had any comments or suggested edits to the final draft of the Scenic Roads bylaw and the roads research section. Mr. Gross suggested changing "main destination" to "primary destination" under the Barrett's Mill Road section. Ms. Nelson commended everyone for their work and the process to get to this point and asked if the National Park had been notified as an abutter.

Ms. Saalfield asked if there were any public comments. Nancy Fresella-Lee of 140 Walden Street, thanked Mr. Gross for his edit and stated that she plans to further edit the description. Diane Proctor of 57 Sudbury Road, asked if all of Sudbury Road would be included in the bylaw and if this bylaw would have any impact on the development of the Crosby area. Ms. Gill stated that she doesn't believe there are any trees or stone walls in the Crosby area to trigger this bylaw. Chuck Gibson asked about the town of Sudbury's version of the scenic roads bylaw and how road changes are also reviewed. Ms. Saalfield explained that they have not yet developed the rules and regulations. Henry Moss of 557 Sudbury Road said that he was told by the police department that a portion of Sudbury Road was a state road. Ned Perry of 362 Bedford Street, stated that he hopes there will be more forums so that other town departments will have the opportunity to provide input.

Ms. Nelson moved to adopt the drafted Scenic Roads Bylaw and submit it as a warrant article for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Capizzi seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

Mr. Capizzi commended everyone on their work getting here. Mr. Gross suggested hosting a public forum for the road researchers to present their findings. Anke Voss, of Special Collections stated that she would love to collect these research reports for their collection, and she also offered the library's new meeting space as a possible venue for the public forum.

Updates and Liaison Reports

Ms. Nelson stated that she is the liaison to the Public Works Commission and that she has had conversations and plans to have more conversations with Alan Cathcart about this bylaw.

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Ms. Nelson stated that the developer of 615 Lowell Road has submitted another application to build a new house on the vacant lot.

Ms. Nelson stated the Rt. 2A 100% plans were received and that the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee's working group met to review the plans and form a recommendation.

Ms. Saalfield stated that she had a Zoom call with a representative from Lori Trahan's office about the plans and the process and has been in contact with one other office acknowledging the Commission's concerns.

Other Business

Diane Proctor stated that the League of Women Voters is hosting a First Friday on February 4th and Alan Cathcart will be presenting on their roads program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Minutes Approved: February 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted by:
Heather Gill
Senior Planner