

**CONCORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 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, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. using the Zoom meeting platform. Meeting ID: 842 4493 1237 Password: 234952

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

Staff: Heather Gill, Senior Planner

Others: Linda Escobedo, Peter Nobile, Elise Woodward

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

**Hildreth Corner Development**

Peter Nobile summarized the two development proposals of the vacant lot at 615 Lowell Road in Hildreth Corner. He explained that it is a buildable lot, but the past proposals have not been found to be appropriate by the Historic Districts Commission (HDC). Mr. Nobile was wondering if the Historical Commission (CHC) should weigh in on tough projects like that one in the future. Mr. Nobile explained that he could not find a lot of history on Hildreth Corner and wondered if the CHC had more data. Mr. Gross stated that there was a store and a tavern there at one point in time, and that Hildreth Corner is a site of change. Mr. Gross asked what period in time the HDC would like to preserve. Ms. Saalfield stated that she believes the house needs to match the existing houses. Ms. Nelson stated that it needs to be more subtly designed and a balance needs to be found. Ms. Nelson stated that she can envision something less imposing and less dominate on the site. Ms. Lemaitre asked about the power of the neighborhood petition she saw circulating. The Commission discussed when a letter from the CHC may be appropriate on HDC applications.

**Rt. 2A Improvements**

Ms. Gill briefly summarized the section 106 process and the consulting party meeting that is scheduled for the following week. Ms. Gill encourage the Commission to review the Minute Man National Park's comment letter as it helps to point out certain aspects of the plans. Ms. Saalfield explained that we have reached out to elected officials about the process issues we believe have taken place. Mr. Capizzi stated that the Park's letter really dissects the engineering plans, and explains that he spoke with the former transportation director of the state, Fred Salvucci, who is now interested in the project and the process. Mr. Gross asked who the barriers are. Ms. Nelson stated that there seems to be a lack of communication between all of the different departments at MassDOT. The Commission authorized Ms. Saalfield to draft and send a letter to Kurt Jergensen about the project on behalf of the Commission.

**Public Forum on Concord's Historic Roads**

Ms. Saalfield summarized the idea to hold a public forum with a panel to raise awareness about Concord' Historic Roads. Ms. Saalfield welcomed all suggestions. Mr. Gross stated that this would popularize citizen involvement in preservation and interplays between official involvement and citizens efforts. Ms. Saalfield explained that they do not want it to just be an event that is endorsing the Scenic Roads bylaw warrant article. Ms. Cataldo stated that she thinks the Commission could put together an impactful educational event.

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**Preservation Awards**

Ms. Gill asked the Commission about the timeline for preservation awards. She stated that if it is to be held in the Spring then she needs to get the application posted as soon as possible. The Commission discussed making it a fall event and posting the application in the late spring/early summer.

Goals for Upcoming Year

Ms. Saalfield stated that she has ask Ms. Cataldo to look into updating and expanding the Historic Resources Masterplan. Ms. Cataldo stated that she has been looking at Amherst's masterplan as an example; and that she is looking into writing the RFP, the grant process, stakeholder outreach, re-writing the intro to the plan, as the history is missing aspects like Native American and African American histories. Ms. Saalfield stated that she also has the following on her goal list:

- Develop process for annual review of preservation restrictions
- Update the Historical Commission charge
- Wheeler Harrington House
- Demolition Review Bylaw amendments

Ms. Escobedo stated that there may be the potential for a cemetery project.

**Other Business**

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> meetings. Ms. Lematire had submitted a few grammatical errors, and Ms. Cataldo stated that she should not be listed as a member on the January 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ms. Nelson moved to approve the minutes for both meetings as amended and discussed. Mr. Capizzi seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.**

Minutes Approved: 3/24/2022

Respectfully submitted by:  
Heather Gill  
Senior Planner