

Historic District Commission Meeting Notes – 9/21/2023

Attendees: Laura DeYoung, Steve Hermann, Miles Prescott, Kyle Harney, Scott Chaharyn

Notetaker: Laura DeYoung

1. **Motion to start meeting @7:25** – Kyle Harney, 2nd: - Scott C., passed
2. **Christine Callahan** *preservation of cemetery records.*
 - example for why needed - people stop in to get info & there's nothing to show
 - CPC rejected the application for record backup system → was turned down before getting to the committee
 - option to digitize - scanning & maintaining searchability
 - potential to meet with last remaining member of the cemetery commission - Steve Dodge

Action: KH to call Steve Dodge, invite him to historic commission mtg. ask - is it possible to have cemetery trustees to submit a request to CPC
3. **Review of previous Meeting Notes: 7/20**
 - Motion to approve: KH, 2nd: JC, passed
4. **Master plan update - from Scott**
 - pembrokemasterplan.com – Historic Commission members to review
 - completion targeted H1 2024
5. **Demolition Delay** – *discussion around effectiveness of Pembroke's delay of 6 months, and comparison to neighboring towns/what is the standard delay*
 - 75% of South Shore Towns have 12+ month demolition delay
 - Plympton recently extended to 18 months
 - Marshfield extended to 12 months
 - We agree the current delay in Pembroke is not sufficient to protect historic properties and allow enough time for alternatives to be investigated (such as moving a house, etc)
 - would need to change the bylaw, goes to bylaw committee -> select board -> town meeting
 - Motion to recommend extension of delay-KH
 - 2nd e LD
 - Vote passed, Scott C. abstains.

6. Wildlands trust / Turner House -Steve H.

- have been talking about Mass. trails fund for turner house
- \$ has not been used for building refurb in past
- Willowbrook trail system was funded w same MA trails fund money
- need to bring up @ 503(c)
- need to bring up @ conservation committee, Action: Steve
- Miles to write letter for residents of Barker SQ -

7. Town Resident Concern

- dirt/gravel blocking access to turner house
- concerned about risk of fire.

8. New Business

- 50/50 grants - Mass historical commission planning grant cycle open, deadline November 14th
- town has no grant writer.

9. Motion to adjourn:@ 8:58 – LD, second: SC. Passed