

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The following members attended the (last) meeting of the Local Historic District Study Committee: Chair Harry Berkowitz, Vice Chair Kenneth Warchol, Robert LaFlamme, and Randi Zanca. Daniel O'Neill and Timothy Reiter were absent. R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner was also present.

Mr. Bechtholdt informed Ken Warchol that Daniel O'Neill had been trying to get ahold of him.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Harry Berkowitz, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

No one from the public was in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 08, 2019; October 22, 2019 (Town Meeting Notes) & November 12, 2019

Motion was made by R. Laflamme to approve October 08, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by K. Warchol. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Motion was made by K. Warchol to approve October 22, 2019 meeting notes (Town Meeting), seconded by R. Zanca. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Understanding it is the last meeting of the Local Historic District Study Committee, members authorized the Town Planner to file with the Town Clerk meeting notes for this meeting (November 12, 2019).

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Whitinsville -Downtown Crossroads Local Historic District (Final Study Report).

Mr. Warchol asked for a copy of the Final Study Report.

V. 2019 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article #7 -Town Clerk Certification of Vote (2/3 Majority)

Committee members reminisced about the 18-month process and congratulated one another on a job well done.

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VI. (TOWN CLERK) NOTIFYING ATTORNEY GENERAL

Form 8 [Historic District Bylaw]

Mr. Bechtholdt informed the Committee that following Town Meeting he contacted the Town Clerk to prepare submission to the Attorney General, noting the Town Clerk has 30-days from Town Meeting to submit documents and forms. Mr. Bechtholdt indicated submission to the Attorney General has been provided. The Attorney General has 90-days to review, suggesting the Town Clerk may ask the Office of the Attorney General to expedite its review, noting timing with the National Parks Service documentation regarding formal inclusion of Whitinsville within the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park.

Mr. Bechtholdt explained to the Committee that he revised/updated the District map by including Assessor Map and Parcel information as may be required for recording at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Bechtholdt noted he reviewed existing recorded LHD maps and is confident what is to be submitted will be sufficient.

VII. NEXT STEPS

Recording of Map -Worcester Registry Of Deeds

Submission of Final Report, Etc. to Massachusetts Historical Commission

Board of Selectmen to Appoint LHD Commission

In referencing Massachusetts Historical Commission's guidance document entitled "Establishing Local Historic Districts" Mr. Bechtholdt reviewed with the Committee next steps: recording of LHD Map, submission of Final Report to Mass Historical Commission and the appointment of the Whitinsville Downtown Crossroads Local Historic District Commission by the Board of Selectmen.

Committee members agreed to have the Town Planner prepare a letter to the property owners within the newly established Whitinsville -Downtown Crossroads Local Historic District, congratulating them on this accomplishment. After certification from the Attorney General the letter will be signed by Harry Berkowitz, Chair and mailed out on the behalf of the Local Historic District Study Committee.

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING

Having no additional business and completing its official charge, the Local Historic District Study Committee is hereby dissolved. The Committee adjourned its meeting of November 12, 2019 at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Gary Bechtholdt II
Town Planner

Cc: Town Clerk