

# Minutes of Nantucket Historical Commission Meeting – June 26th, 2020

## Establishment of Quorum

**Commissioners Present:** Tom Montgomery, Georgia Raysman, Mickey Rowland, Angus Macleod, Ben Norman, Hillary Rayport, Clement Durkes, Susan Handy, Don DeMichele, and David Silver

**Staff/Others Present:** Holly Backus

## Today's Agenda

- Establishment of a Quorum
- Public Comment: N/A
- Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

-Motion to approve June 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Tom M. Second: Georgia R. Motion approved unanimously

- Recent appointments :

## NHC Recent Appointments

-Georgia and David have been re-appointed. Susan B. Handy is appointed as an Alternate Commissioner. She brings skills in archaeology.

-All Commissioners are asked to participate in annual ethics training. Hillary, Holly or Maureen as resources. Training will provide useful information that helps Commission navigate ethics rules.

## Update on Vineyard Wind: Section 106 Review

We need an NHC representative as a consulting party for the Review. Meeting will be held on July 8 for approximately 2-4 hours. NHC believes that it should take part. Member of HDC will be present and Lauren Sinatra will be present from Town. Additionally, we have expert counsel that has been hired to help town through this unprecedented project.

-BOAM needs to be held to higher standard when working with an NHL

## Old Business

- Following up on the discussion of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Hillary presented a draft letter to the DPW, concerning the timeline for developing historic goals for rehabilitating the streets, and requesting interim work to repair potholes. The commissioners offered comments and edited the letter cooperatively. Tom M: Motion to approve letter Don: Second Unanimous decision to approve letter.

Hillary recapped the meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>: the objective was to discuss when will it be appropriate for the NHC to comment to the HDC and SB on things like historic qualities of a structure, and whether a

structure is contributing or not? We considered whether to make a comment at the Hearing of 112 Wauwinet Rd. It became clear that the SB had concerns about testimony from the NHC at the hearing, and that the HDC would be wondering why we would give comment. NHC have a general concern about how mid-century buildings are considered by the HDC, and can raise this at our joint meeting. The Chair asked if there were any questions. Being none, the commission continued to the discussion of the proposed mission statement, and general preparation for the joint meeting with the HDC scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mission Statement from the NHC**

-The Chair shared a proposed mission statement. The commission had a productive conversation regarding the drafted mission statement which addressed content, wording and syntax. Through productive conversations, the NHC has reached a consensus on the Mission Statement, leaving finalization of the direction to the chair, to present at the joint meeting with the HDC. Tom: Motion to approve NHC Mission Statement David: Second Unanimous decision to approve statement.

### **Objectives and Key Results**

The Chair presented a long list of possible objectives for the NHC. A discussion ensued about prioritizing the objectives. The group quickly settled on updating surveys and becoming a Certified Local Government. There was a question of how the 1989 surveys were funded? Tom said that the HDC and the town got funding from MA historical commission. Is there an approx cost of the '89 Survey? Holly said she may be able to research the cost associated with the survey.

Can Preservation MA Inc. help us approximate cost for other surveys being conducted? We need more information to get this going.

**Open Discussion: Surveying** How do we develop a list of buildings we want to survey? How do we want to do it? How can we best approach this? Prioritizing areas to survey might be helpful. MHC requires Form B. MHC and Nantucket Preservation Trust use it/rely on it for their work.

The entire island needs to be surveyed. We are looking at the entire NHL, which ought to be surveyed. Quidnet for example (has historic structures)

What would be the first priorities for an update? Start with Town and Sconset? What are the funding sources? Could we ask applicants to provide a completed Form B – the MHC inventory form used by historic districts in MA in order to catalogue historic structures. Attaching sample below...

**FORM B – BUILDING**

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

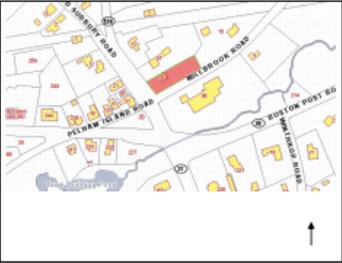
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24-008 Natick A & I WAY.00

**Town:** WAYLAND  
**Place:** (neighborhood or village)  
Wayland Center  
**Address:** 30 Cochituate Road  
**Historic Name:** Sibley, Mark C. House  
**Uses:** Present: single-family residential  
Original: single-family residential  
**Date of Construction:** ca. 1818  
**Source:** deed research  
**Style/Form:** Federal-Greek Revival  
**Architect/Builder:** unknown  
**Exterior Material:**  
Foundation: stone and brick  
Wall/Trim: wood clapboards  
Roof: asphalt shingles  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** none  
**Major Alterations** (with dates): rear additions – 20<sup>th</sup> C.  
**Condition:** good  
**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** n/a \_\_\_\_\_  
**Acreage:** .46 acre  
**Setting:** On northeast corner of Cochituate Road (Rt 126/27) and Millbrook Road opposite Public Safety Bldg. Among residential, institutional and commercial historic buildings at historic town center. Low picket fence along road property boundaries (west and south) – sidewalk in front of house.

**Photograph**



**Topographic or Assessor's Map**



**Recorded by:** Gretchen G. Schuler  
**Organization:** for Wayland Historical Commission  
**Date (month / year):** March 2011/September 2012

*Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.*

**Case Study:** Cambridge has 3 staff that work on these types of surveys. If a building comes up that is proposed for demolition, they conduct a study of historic assets, artifacts, etc. They have a database of 13 thousand structures that they have deemed “important”. Standardizing the process.

They communicate and make provisions. We would be advocating to collect this type of information. Let's put into place some guidelines. We could require Form B for HDC applicants. Best option?

How can we evaluate whether or not it is acceptable to remove windows, add addition, etc. if we don't have a survey of what is there?

Surveys always help with background information. More info is better and won't “hurt” us in this process. Holly makes note to caution the Commission because ACK has a lot of applications and adding anything procedurally might be difficult/inefficient. Maybe HDC could require Form B on a case-by-case basis? Will have to run this by them during our joint meeting with the HDC on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Concerns: How would Form B work from a procedural standpoint during the application process? What are the issues? Timeline, cost, participation, etc.?

## **Future Meeting Schedule**

Set up for July 10<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

Tom: Motion to adjourn

David: Second

All in favor:

*Meeting adjourned*