



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Special Joint Meeting w/ OFC.

2 Fairgrounds Road
Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554
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Commissioners: Raymond Pohl (Chair), Stephen Welch (Vice-chair), Diane Coombs, Abby Camp, Vallorie Oliver,
Associate Commissioners: Jessie Dutra, Carrie Thornewill, Connie Patten

~~ MINUTES ~~

Thursday February 2, 2023

Conference Room, 2 Fairgrounds Road & Remote Participation via ZOOM.

Called to order at 1:03 pm. and announcements by Mr. Welch

Staff in attendance: Holly Backus, Historic Planner; Esmeralda Martinez, Land Use Specialist.

Attending Members: Welch, Camp, Oliver, Thornewill,

Remote Participants: Coombs, Patten

Absent Members: Pohl, Dutra

Late Arrivals: Patten left at 2:00pm.

Early Departures: None

Adoption of Agenda.

Motion **Motion to Approve as drafted. (Oliver)**

Vote Carried unanimously

I. COMMISSION DISCUSSION & VOTE

1) Refinements to Best Practices (adopted 11/17/22)

Welch- forgo any discussion on the refinements of the Best Practices.

2) Advisory Groups (Near-term Action)

Welch- Commission discussion and potential vote. Give the Select Board and idea what to do with this topic, based on having watching the meetings, based on them wanting to do a good thing, not really understanding because there's different input or testimony from Commissioners.

Subject to Andrew's consent, professional staff (Holly, Esmeralda, and Billy) meet with HSAG Chair, and separately SAC Chair, to work through differing assessments (represented at past SB meetings) to resolve operational details for each group, their result taking the form of a brief document. Document to include the: "Who, Why, What, How, Where, and When" nature of the groups, and related matters; reasonably reflecting each party's concerns. Foregoing document to be forwarded to HDC for policy review, and potential modifications, and a vote, after which HDC moves the matter to SB (with a request they reconstitute the two groups subject to the measures within the document) under their charter powers (near term) and as otherwise required or determined beneficial (long term). As per previous HDC vote, HDC's request to SB to include a provision that the HDC selects successful candidates for SB ratification, or to this effect.

- To come to a solution that or procedure that will allow to develop a kind of a common perspective to be presented to the Select Board.
- Suggesting that Historic Structure Advisory Group, Sign Advisory Council, and professional staff with support of the Director of Planning, to try to develop the who, what, where, when, and why. To accomplish who's involved, what are they accomplishing, when are they doing it, why are they doing it.

II. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

• Understanding ATM Citizen Article 10: Independent HDC Administrator

In day-to-day operations, what this distills to

- at time of submission, incomplete applications are no longer accepted, and ii)
- watchful eyes, capable of discerning higher-level context (historic appropriateness, character and setting) assess proposed work to help prevent approval errors.
- Proper application and completed applications.

- Full implementation of a recently adopted HDC best practice (that staff not accept incomplete applications, and that checklists are regularly used for this purpose but also to inform applicants of requirements) directly addresses the first intended outcome; that effort is in process.

1. Draft minutes as listed.

Adjournment:

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 3:06 pm. (Coombs)**

Vote Carried unanimously

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I6tEJUcUvw>

Submitted by:

Esmeralda Martinez