

Nantucket Historical Commission

May 19, 2023 Meeting
131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket

Attendees:

Angus MacLeod
Abby De Molina
Clement Durkes
Mickie Rowland
Holly Backus
Tom Montgomery – online
Hillary Rayport – online
Rita Carr – online
Mary Bergman – online

Agenda

- Public Comment - none
- Outcomes from May 6 ATM: Articles of preservation concern
 - 36: HDC Administrator
 - *The independent review will be later in the year – probably fall. Holly mentioned that her thoughts were clear at town meeting.*
 - *Consultants will be in person in the fall.*
 - *Mickie mentioned he wants to speak to them.*
 - 62: 41-81L division of land
 - *Abby asked about the data on this – no one has heard of it or the details.*
 - *Angus is familiar with 2 properties.*
 - *One was a barn/historic structure*
 - *If it happens in just one case it can be detrimental to the neighborhood.*
 - *Comment from Ms. Rayport – an asset is a member of the NHC is also a member of the Planning Board.*
 - *Possibly it could be a collaboration with the Planning Board.*
 - *Has become a strategy and advertised.*
 - *Angus mentioned it could fit in with our educational goals.*
 - *Small numbers but large impact: Main Street in Town and Main Street in Sconset.*
 - 83: Add NHC to NP&EDC
 - 102: 31 East Street
 - *Angus said thank you to Tom for speaking up.*
 - *The images and press release did show the park*
 - *No acknowledgement of the building.*
 - *Article 76 was not originally included but Angus mentioned the lighting one was a win for the island*
- NHC Goals and Objectives – updates
 - *NHC Education goal – discussion on NPS Grants*

- *Move up NPS Grants under Grants section and Abby will send slides after meeting.*
- *CPC Grants – sewer force main project. Winter Street return to cobble – will be part of this year’s submission to CPC.*
 - *Comment from Ms. Rayport that there is tremendous need to restore stones on Main Street. She states it is demolition by neglect and is dangerous. She mentions a grant had been written and asked at prior CPC and was not adopted.*
 - *Mickie asked for the cost – she said it was \$72K*
 - *Used parametric digital design to address the accessibility concern.*
 - *Two components – build on sidewalk pavement study and take knowledge to apply it to future projects and digitally scan the terrain and materials to create a parametric model.*
 - *Resolve issues with trees and tree roots*
 - *She now feels it may not be feasible – cannot scan it without removing all the cars.*
 - *She mentions CPC cannot be used for municipal projects.*
 - *Mickie mentioned sidewalks are critical.*
 - *Met with Brenda and Libby and said she is in favor of improving.*
 - *Town administration should be supportive.*
 - *Asked how we move it forward getting a building engineer.*
 - *Holly mentioned Winter Street was a bid alternate for the CPC*
 - *Ties into project for NPT and PIN – CPC project.*
 - *Holly would like to see this to be a catalyst for town projects*
 - *Angus asked what the best way is to move this forward.*
 - *Tom tried to get the DPW to fix – the turn but is still deteriorating. All related to the curb stones. Sidewalks are some of the worst on Main Street and the hole. Need to lower everything. Fair Street up to the Civil War monument.*
 - *Holly says it is difficult to add on to projects as it is an added cost. Pleasant Street has been on the minds of DPW and Transportation.*
 - *More commentary from Ms. Rayport – she spent a lot of time on this and mentions the benefit to return Winter Street to cobblestones and is in accordance to the plan the NHC created. Will be interesting to see when asphalt is removed. Permeable vs. nonpermeable. Will be a good test case. The town has been generous with sidewalk repair \$4MM. people repairing the sidewalks are not specialists. That was part of the plan.*
 - *Spec for permeable base and repairing curbstones but not for materials and sidewalks themselves. Do we know the best practice?*

- *Stone dust is not ideal.*
 - *Frank may have mentioned a bituminous base which we do not want. Will not be done this fall but the bid work will be.*
- *Next step – would be to move the grant forward. Cannot use funds for municipal infrastructure but only design. Ms. Rayport offered to provide help since she spent so much time on it but mentioned she should not be involved if presenting to the CPC again. She shared her previous budget.*
- *Can we add this to grants section as a new goal?*
 - *Will add with the July date of the presentation as next step.*
- *Angus asked Holly about restoring the sidewalks in New Bedford.*
 - *Very similar to our historic district.*
 - *Abby will reach out the New Bedford Historic Commission.*
 - *They had included their specifications in the design guidelines.*
- *NPT and PIN will present in July and we can see what they did – was CPC funded so it can help move it forward.*
- *Egan maritime goal*
 - *Will apply for funds from NOAA – coastal resiliency and mapping shipwrecks on the coast – asked Holly to write a letter of recommendation. She should hear back in June.*
 - *Carlisle wants to have an educational component.*
 - *Federal consultation we are not privy to – would be for the island and other places in the commonwealth.*
 - *Florida, Virginia, 2 more in MA*
- *NRAB workshop goal*
 - *Lara H is open to having us talk about preservation.*
 - *Meeting is June 7th but they do not know where the training is.*
 - *Holly has previous PPT – we can update.*
 - *Realtors are the first point of contact – ex. Of 41-81L should not be advertised.*
 - *Wants to talk about ongoing survey work – assume everything is contributing.*
 - *Building with Sconset in mind.*
 - *Just because zoning allows it does not mean people should do it.*
 - *Commission can do more to get the word out.*
 - *Importance of survey work on establishing neighborhoods and standards.*
 - *Props to NPT who provide information on structures being significant.*
 - *Abby will get together with Holly to update the slides and circulate to the NHC to review.*

- *More commentary from Ms. Rayport on the potential of adding language into contracts referencing the historic district. Holly will find the name of the gentleman who had given her the idea.*
 - *May be able to lift language from other historic districts and their restrictions.*
 - *Engagement – include July 21st for PIN/NPT presentation.*
- *Status of minute taking/posting*
 - *Abby will send going forward*
 - *Abby will reach out to the town to get transcripts – contact Erika*
 - *2 open seats – Georgia is not seeking reappointment*
- *Ongoing Program of Surveying Historic Resources (Holly Backus)*
 - *FY 2022 Phase III Submittal Schedule (PAL)*
 - *Finished fish lots and went over to Brant Point*
 - *There was a meeting with MHC – received their comments*
 - *Michael Steinitz said we should not mention ‘roof shingling’ but Holly corrected him*
 - *42 Brant Point and 98 fish lots*
 - *BP1 – 19 forms due May 26*
 - *BP2 – 20 forms due June 16*
 - *FL1 – 32 forms due July 7*
 - *FL2 – 32 forms due July 28*
 - *FL3 – 32 forms due August 18*
 - *House on corner of Walsh and Henry – was relocated (rotated). Added on in the 80s – but actual structure is pretty old*
 - *PAL thought it looked new*
 - *Mickie confirmed it is old*
 - *Harry Ryan is the owner*
 - *Was Raymond Howar*
 - *Angus asked for timeline to review the forms once ready*
 - *Usually, PAL consultant sends on time to Holly*
 - *Need time to review – Holly will try to create time frames for us for each batch*
 - *Sconset Trust forms*
 - *Holly will see if there is any feedback and we want to finalize*
 - *Want to get them online*
- *Adjustments to NHC website (integrate with Preservation Planning Page)*
 - *Confirm the preservation plan is on the page*
 - *Holly will speak with Florencia about it*
- *Joint meeting of NHC and HDC June 1 at 1pm*
 - *Practices and Policies around Demolition/Partial Demolition*
 - *Historic Information on structures evaluated for demolition*
 - *NHC contribution to HDC review / NAPC*
 - *Other topics of mutual interest*
 - *Holly has a draft agenda*
 - *Reminder of the benefits of the CLG including grant funding*

- *Presentation on survey work – needs to be highlighted for HDC and they need to be educated on it and why being a CLG is important*
- *Has asked Mary to facilitate discussion on demolitions/study and give an update → would like to have a separate meeting to discuss*
 - *Angus would like more details*
 - *Make sure they are aware of the tools they have*
 - *He reached out to Jenn Doherty from MHC to see if she would give a presentation on demo – she would be willing to but would need HDC and Holly to agree*
 - *Val brings up at HDC meetings that they need more of a process*
- *NAPC Review and discussion historic district-wide*
- *Building with Nantucket in Mind – how we can assist in educating the public – funding exists and has been procured from CPC*
 - *Need all in agreement*
 - *Would need to request more funding*
 - *Holly can then to find the consultant*
- *Status of MOU*
 - *Ray and Angus will co-chair; will be Zoom only*
 - *More commentary from Ms. Rayport that people should receive a copy of the survey plan and read it ahead of time. She said the MOU was their request but it has not moved forward.*
- *Wind Farm lobbyist contact is Andrew Garbarino (R-Long Island)*

Motion to adjourn 12:11PM