

Nantucket Historical Commission

November 17, 2023 Meeting
10AM
131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket

Attendees:

Holly Backus
George Butterworth
Clement Durkes
Rita Carr

Abby De Molina
Mary Bergman
Tom Montgomery – online
Mickey Rowland – online
Hillary Hedges Rayport – online

Agenda

- Public Comment *No public comment*
- Staff Update
 - Proposed MA Bill S-1289 – An Act Relative to Installing Solar Energy Systems in Historic Districts *Holly, Stephen Welch, and Mary Bergman met with the legislative director and deputy general counsel for Senator Cyr. They discussed ways to better educate the senator's office on what is happening – invite them out to see the solar arrays.*
 - Demo delay update *It has been submitted to the Planning staff. Holly is putting it in as housekeeping item and internal sustainability group is looking at it as well and wants their support. It should be on the list for 2024 Town Meeting and Holly will share with the NHC once available.*
- Ongoing survey work
 - FY24 Pre-application (submitted 11/13, \$30,000)
 - Properties to be surveyed within the “Downtown Neighborhood Group” *Encompasses the commercial downtown, fish lots (already completed, Wesco acre lots, waterfront south and waterfront north. Would like assistance from the NHC on what area to focus on – will try to bump it up from 140 surveys (maybe +10-20). **Final direction is for Holly to go with the commercial downtown and the back of Centre Street.***
 - FY23 Survey Project – RFQ to be readvertised *Rita has recused herself on this discussion. Holly has been struggling on going between Procurement and MHC. MHC sent the revised RFQ that goes out Monday for 21 days.*
 - FY23 Survey Project – Most recent batch comments and review *Will receive another batch in January and want to provide the comments to PAL as soon as we can. January will be the remaining fish lots because they had to go back to the deeds.. **Holly wants comments by after Thanksgiving – she will resend email.***
- CPC Submitted projects update *Town and PIN (University of Florida). They were presented on Halloween. A little of apprehension on providing money to town. But the streetscapes work would be done by PIN. Survey work got a unanimous approval – catalyst to use CPC. Both projects should be on the warrant for ATM 2024.*
- Nantucket Offshore Wind Community Fund – Application Deadline January 31, 2024 *It is funding from the Good Neighbor Agreement. First payment available. 4 pots – preserve*

cultural resources, promote renewable energy resources, coastal resiliency, climate change. A few ideas were circulated and the group was encouraged to apply.

- Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2023 meeting ***Motion by Clement, second by George. Passed unanimously.***
- Other Business Abby reviewed the goals document and will send to the commissioners after the meeting

*Meeting adjourned at 11:27AM **Motion by Rita, second by Clement.***