

Nantucket Historical Commission

December 15, 2023 Meeting
10AM
131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket

Attendees:

Holly Backus
George Butterworth
Rita Carr
Abby De Molina
Mary Bergman

Mickey Rowland – online
Angus MacLeod – online
Erin Doherty – online

Absent:
Clement Durkes
Tom Montgomery – online

Agenda

- Public Comment *No public comment*
- Staff Update
 - Demo delay update *There is a proposed demo delay for the Planning Board to review. Holly will be notified by Megan and Billy on the date. **Abby will provide Holly the list of dates for meetings.***
 - Sconset Trust outreach for strategic planning *There is a new director – Julie Mead – and they are doing outreach and meeting with the Town. Add to our strong local partnerships (NHA, NPT, PIN). Doing SWOT of how they can help us Hiring Marsha Fader and Betsy Tyler as an example and how we can continue to collaborate on the survey work. They own almost the land and properties out in Sconset. Want to be more involved with preservation. Want to collaborate with all the non-profits and town.*
- Historic Tax Credit support letter request – 5 Surfside Road
 - *Erin Doherty from Epsilon requesting the renewal letter on 5 Surfside Road – deadline in January 2024 – 2 allocations of tax credits from MHC. Will begin in spring 2024 and conclude in spring 2025. Included an updated site plan with some landscape and outside changes. Pool and hot tub – not visible – and will include fencing and a small enclosure next to the outdoor shower to include pool equipment. Scope of work on two buildings will not change – maintenance, window repairs, siding, roofing, finishes will be the same. Program is highly competitive. Historic tax credits are for the property itself. Question if the \$505K includes the pool and hot tub (it does not). Rita confirmed that the money would not be for the pool – it is up to 20% of the eligible property. Eligible for another ~\$20K in tax credits. Mary made a comment that she understands how difficult it is. She advises to think about the building and the context of the building. She thought we should work with other local communities to have tax credits for individual homeowners, as she emphasizes it is currently for commercial properties. She adds the Nantucket Hotel, which received historic tax credits, has a pool. Angus will draft the letter and send it to Holly and she will disseminate it to all the commissioners and everyone will send back comments individually and then she will send it back to Angus to distribute. Next steps to speak with other*

*local historical commissions and MHC and Preservation Mass. Abby volunteered to reach out and Rita will support. **Motion by Rita to write a letter of support but noted our concerns on the impacts of the pool on the historic character of the property, second by Abby. Passed unanimously (with reluctance from various commissioners).***

- Ongoing survey work
 - FY23 update on RFQ responses *Rita will recuse herself for this discussion. It was due 12/11/23 and we received no proposals. We received one but it was too late but it was out of state. Holly is waiting for direction from MHC and specifics from PAL and why they have not submitted a proposal. There was a lengthy discussion about whether to do Form Bs and a Form A for a neighborhood and if both are needed. Holly will add to the list and will recirculate but need to get someone to do the project and necessitates a conversation with MHC and Procurement.*
- CPC Submitted projects update *Initial review with Holly and Cleary Larkin and Emily Mollen – blessed the One Monomoy project and one opposition to Main Street and are now fleshing things out. Met yesterday 12/14. There is a concern with the Main Street project. Holly will be at Cap Comm next week. Believes projects are being blessed to the next step. Holly does not know on the dissent for Main Street. Holly will give an update next month with more information.*
- Nantucket Offshore Wind Community Fund – Application Deadline January 31, 2024 *Idea to do a video to highlight the solar guidelines in historic properties – work with HDC. Make it educational and could make it a series. Rita noted it would hit a bunch of the requirements – promote renewable energy, preserve cultural resources, and address climate change. Deadline is 1/18/24 for Vince Murphy. Ex. Next step is to draft the application – **Rita would reach out to NCTV and follow the same process as with the letter.***
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions review – contract extended Scope was *pared down and the Town is waiting to see their recommendations.*
- NP&EDC membership/discussion of representation for historic preservation *Understanding is other regional planning agencies do not have a historic member on the commission but rather they rely on staff. The staff person would be the voice for historic preservation and then they could also go to the CLG for specific questions. Discussion about having a dedicated seat vs. having an at-large member.*
- NHC Goals
- Approval of Minutes – moved to January meeting
- Other Business

*Meeting adjourned at 12:03PM **Motion by Mickey, second by Rita. Passed unanimously.***