

Nantucket Historical Commission

August 16, 2024 Meeting

10AM

131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket MA and via Zoom

Attendees:

Holly Backus (staff)
George Butterworth (Commissioner)
Abby De Molina (Commissioner)
Bill Murphy – 89 Easton Street homeowner
Linda Williams – member of public
Angus MacLeod (Commissioner)– online
Clement Durkes (Commissioner) – online
Rita Carr (Commissioner)– online
Brian Lever from Epsilon Associates – online
Hillary Rayport – online

Agenda

- Roll call at 10:10AM *Commissioners George and Abby are present in person as well as Staff Holly. Guests Bill Murphy and Linda Williams are also in person. Commissioners Clement and Angus are present online. Brian Lever and Hillary Rayport are online.*
- Public Comment
- Election of Officers *Commission will wait until Rita is present and new commissioners to vote.*
- Staff Update
 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions conference *Holly discussed the program in West Palm Beach – great mix of people; visited Flagler Museum and architectural tour. We were able to get a scholarship because we are a CLG.*
- Historic Tax Credit Letter of Support for 89 Easton Street *Expected an award from April round and need a new letter for the upcoming August round. MHC Comments were positive. Exterior changes approved by HDC. Motion to write a letter by George, second by Abby. George – aye, Abby – aye, Clement – aye, Angus – aye. Thanks to Brian and Bill.*
- Demo delay citizen warrant article – letter of support *Letter is included in the packet. Rita joined at 10:20. Suggestion to put the article number from Ms. Rayport. Holly notes it was not included because did not have one at the time. Angus notes it will get it updated as it circulates but not necessary to update.*
- NP&EDC citizen warrant article – letter of support to include NHC on NP&EDC *Abby commented that we may want to wait until the NP&EDC workgroup meets. Holly noted that we have a member on the board today, in Abby, and that it makes sense to wait. Angus notes we do not have a permanent vote. Ms. Rayport stated her reasons for support. Abby has reiterated that she thinks the group should wait until the workgroup concludes. Linda spoke with background on the commission and it came up previously and this group was dormant. There were 12 members and the town representative to get to 11. Most boards are regulatory and this one is advisory and is appointed entirely by*

the Select Board. She suggests the commission wait until fully constituted to vote on writing the letter. Rita asked when the meeting is and Abby said it is Wednesday. Rita suggested we wait until we have a special meeting to write a letter but vote today that we support a voice of historic preservation as a representative from the NHC to appoint someone to the NP&EDC. Rita – aye, George – aye, Angus – aye, Abby – abstain, Clement - aye.

- *Certified Local Government Memorandum of Understanding It was unclear the purpose of the CLG MOU – Angus provided us a sample from Framingham, which is identical to the one already signed by Nantucket with MHC, as Holly provided. HDC wanted an additional MOU as part of the agreement to join the CLG. Angus asked if there has been any confusion between the HDC and NHC since the start of the CLG. Seems there is more desire by the HDC than by NHC to have an additional document. Angus proposes a workgroup to hammer out the language – Abby suggested we wait until we have a larger commission to appoint members and Clement agreed. All agreed to table until we have a full commission.*
- *Ongoing survey work*
 - *Last chance to send Batch 5 Comments to Holly Please send to Holly so she can send to PAL (last section of Fish Lots).*
 - *Community Preservation Commission Survey funding update We supported PiN on West Monomoy and excited to see community engagement and Main Street preservation – extended the plan that was already started.*
 - *Newspaper database outage Rita mentioned end of June, Atheneum's database is offline for 5-6 months before files are migrated to different service. PiN was going to rely on them but will be a huge delay – there are microfilm copies but it is much slower and time consuming. She has been using the Grace Brown Gardner collection at NHA that is digitized scrapbooks. Holly noted this is an issue for PiN and NPT doing general research, as well as PAL. Very difficult for those not on Nantucket. George noted there is some boilerplate language such as 'sash has been replaced' even if the sash is original. Angus said to please add the comments to the surveys where he can.*
- *Commission Goals*
 - *Discussion of possible CPC applications for September 6, 2024 deadline Abby reviewed and Holly mentioned the great presentation by the PiN students on August 9 and will circulate once available.*
- *Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2024 meeting and June 28, 2024 Certified Local Government meeting Motion by Abby, Second by Clement. Abby – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Rita – aye, Angus – aye.*
- *Other Business*

Motion to adjourn by Clement at 11.50PM, seconded by George. Clement – aye, George – aye, Rita – aye, Abby – aye, Angus – aye.