

Nantucket Historical Commission

December 20, 2024 Meeting

10AM

131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket MA and via Zoom

Attendees:

George Butterworth (Commissioner)
Rita Carr (Commissioner)
Clement Durkes (Commissioner)
Holly Backus (staff)
Abby De Molina (Commissioner) – online
Angus MacLeod (Commissioner) – online
Sarah McLane (Commissioner) – online
Diane Coombs (Commissioner)
Mary Bergman (Nantucket Preservation Trust) - online
Brian Lever (Epsilon) – online
William Murphy (owner of 89 Easton Street) – online
Hillary Rayport – online

Agenda

- Roll call at 10:00AM *Commissioners George, Rita, and Clement are present in person. Holly as staff is also present in person. Commissioners Abby, Angus, and Sarah are online. Mary Bergman from NPT, Brian Lever from Epsilon, William Murphy, and Hillary Rayport are also present online. Commissioner Diane Coombs joined online at 10:20.*
- Public Comment *None*
- Staff Update *MHC has provided all comment to PAL and they have received our comments and will be working on it through early next year. Next staff member at the beginning of 2025.*
- Historic Tax Credit Project Letter of Support – 89 Easton Street (repeat submission) *Brian noted there have been no changes and all conditions have been satisfied. Motion by Angus to submit a renewal letter for the January 2025 deadline, second by Abby. Angus – aye, Abby – aye, Sarah – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Rita – aye.*
- Certified Local Government Memorandum of Understanding *Rita presented the draft with the changes discussed at our prior meeting. Discussion of Massachusetts Historical Commission's guide for Local Historic Commissions. Suggestion to send to town counsel and ask about legalese of 'special note' being included. Motion to send enable Holly to send the draft to Town Counsel by Abby, second by Angus. Abby – aye, Angus – aye, Sarah – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Rita – aye.*
- Letter in response to National Alliance of Preservation Commissioners report *Note it is great for us to show support. Holly noted Nicki Sherriff has received a scholarship from Nantucket Preservation Trust for further preservation education. For the letter, highlight that with the additional land use specialist role we still are supportive of the addition of preservation staff specifically. Motion to enable Rita to update the letter to include this language and send it by Clement, second by Angus. Clement – aye, Angus – aye, George – aye, Abby – aye, Sarah – aye, Diane – aye, Rita – aye.*

- Commission discussion: minimum maintenance of contributing structures (Town Code ch. 124-13) – 10 New Whale Street, 5 Candle Street *Highlight the language on the statute section C and noted we are awaiting the report from the National Grid's report from their engineer and will discuss next month. HDC will discuss Jan 14 and we can add to our Jan 17 agenda. Suggestion to add to agenda for next month. Question if we can have independent analysis on the site done but Sarah pointed out that HDC can require it, but the property owner would need to provide permission. Third party could be hired by a body to do it, but it would have to be the HDC.*
- Commission Goals Abby reviewed. *Discussion on the sidewalks and what great work they have been doing with the Liberty Street Sewer project. Holly will ask David Gray for some documentation for the commission.*
- Approval of minutes – November 15, 2024 meeting *Motion to approve the minutes by Clement, second by George. Clement – aye, George – aye, Abby – aye, Angus – aye, Diane – aye, Sarah – aye, Rita – aye.*
- Other Business *Link to Master Plan survey – due by Jan 13, 2025. Historic newspaper database at Atheneum is back up.*

Motion to adjourn by Angus at 11:01AM, seconded by Clement. Angus – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Sarah – aye, Diane – aye, Abby – aye, Rita – aye.