

Nantucket Historical Commission

June 20, 2025 Meeting

10AM

131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket MA and via Zoom

Attendees:

Rita Carr (Commissioner)
Angus MacLeod (Commissioner)
George Butterworth (Commissioner)
Clement Durkes (Commissioner)
Sarah McLane (Commissioner)
Holly Backus (staff – Preservation Planner)
Abby De Molina (Commissioner) – online
Caroline Baltzer – online

Agenda

- Roll call at 10:01AM *Commissioners Rita, Angus, George, Clement, and Sarah are in person. Staff Holly is in person. Commissioner Abby joined online at 10:27. Member of public – Caroline joined online at 10:45.*
- Public Comment *None*
- Staff Update *We are planning the CLG Meeting for 6/27at 1PM on Zoom. Finalizing agenda with the chairs. Question on availability of agenda – soon and including the minutes. Happy Preservation Month, locally.*
- Potential introduction of historically appropriate pedestrian safety measures on Main Street *Sean Dew, Town Pool owner, email about it and included in packet. Shop was struck by a car in May. Looking for historically appropriate barriers (horse tiebacks) as this is not first time this has happened. Question on whether it will stop a car but rather will slow a car down. Concerns on impeding pedestrians – may not be the best solutions. Sympathy for shop owner but concerns that more effort than it is worth. Hard to avoid trees and sidewalks. Holly will follow up with Sean.*
- Downtown street lighting fixtures – compliance with 2023 Annual Town Meeting Article 76, Review of Letter to DarkSky International *Review of letter and comments it is great. Letter will be sent once Rita confirms recipients.*
- Historic resource surveys update *Holly has confirmed the FY22 reimbursement has been cut so it is coming. Some changes by procurement. Wind Farm funding is going to address continuation sheets – updates to properties. MHC is asking for time on FY23. CLG Coordinator at state level has not been replaced and federal funding uncertain. PiN is working on West Monomoy this summer – baseline history for lots of surveys. Holly hopes for more information for next month. Between CPC, MHC, Wind Farm money – we have a lot of momentum – can we keep the ball rolling or do more surveys. Question about timing – hope we can start in Fall but no confirmation.*
- Civil War Monument repair *Discission about new curbing is not level, nor are posts. Chair made a comment at May 21 SB meeting. Installation is not acceptable. Commission is unhappy with the repair and does not understand the process as to how*

it was done – Bartlett Consolidated. Holly should see if we can get the pieces removed and sent back to DPW from Bartlett. The damaged pieces are already with the DPW.

- *S1428, Proposed Bill re: Historical Commissions Multiple state organizations were not consulted for changes including MHC and Preservation Massachusetts. Will be added to the CLG agenda. Can send comments by June 24, 2025. Holly will ask the Planning Director to see if Town counsel weigh in on. Rita proposed writing a letter that says we encourage outreach to these organizations. Angus proposed the motion, seconded. Clement – aye, Angus – aye, George – aye, Sarah – aye, Rita – aye, Abby – aye.*
- *Commission Goals*
- *Approval of minutes – April 18, 2025 meeting and May 16, 2025 meeting Angus made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, second by Clement. Angus – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Sarah – abstain, Abby – aye, Rita – aye.*
- *Other Business Question on if Marsha Fader is happy with the work that was done to hide the roots. CLG Meeting is June 27, 2025 at 1PM. Deadline to fill the third seat is July 3 at 12PM.*

Motion to adjourn by Angus at 11:09AM, seconded by George. Angus – aye, George – aye, Clement – aye, Sarah – aye, Abby – aye, Rita – aye.

Adopted August 15, 2025