

Nantucket Historical Commission

September 19, 2025 Meeting

10AM

131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket MA and via Zoom

Attendees:

Rita Carr (Commissioner)
George Butterworth (Commissioner)
Betsy Tyler (Commissioner)
Angus MacLeod (Commissioner)
Abby De Molina (Commissioner)
Barbara Halstead (Commissioner)
Sarah McLane (Commissioner)
Holly Backus (staff – Preservation Planner)

Agenda

- Roll call at 10 AM *All commissioners Rita, Angus, George, Sarah, Barbara, Abby and Betsy are in person. Staff Holly is also in person.*
- Public comment *None*
- Staff update *Submitted the reports for the CLG and CPC application. HDC – 2,100 COAs received (!).*
- Historic resource surveys update
 - Wind Fund RFQ response deadline: September 24 *Through the Good Neighbor Agreement we can request funding. Holly requested \$25,000 to protect town-owned resources (structures and monuments – Civil War, Meridien stones, etc) scattered throughout the island.*
 - Massachusetts Historical Commission Funding *Reduced the surveys from 140 to 120 and reduced the qualifications to make it easier for firms to qualify. Question on who can do it and Holly responded as long there is no conflict of interest. CPC is also a great source.*
- Section 106 Review – 43 Sherburne Commons Telecommunications Antenna *Main building is 40 not 43 (not sure why it says 43) Holly notes national cellular companies have pragmatic agreements to ensure they are not affecting historic structures. It is not very visible. Will hopefully improve service for the residents. Antenna is at the 3 o'clock position – question to EBI on why they chose this location and which address is correct. Holly will send an email today with our questions but noting no concerns as this is due by Sep 22.*
- Civil War Monument repair *Review of Drew Patnode's responses. The Chair responded to some of these pieces. Holly explained the insurance company chose the firm and could not provide input on who to use. There are things we can do to make it look consistent. Question on the town who holds the insurance policy and what the responsibility is of the firm. There needs to be some oversight by the preservation planner for historic resources. This will happen again. Need the stone to use for next time and know if we have more say in it in the future. Look into the CLG to review the*

historic resources outside of the cemetery. See if we can speak to the town or Barrett Consolidated. Holly and Rita will reach out and strategize on how to address with the town and before the Meridien stones are addressed.

- *Nantucket Association of Real Estate Brokers workshop – October 29 Sarah has volunteered to present (Rita is on vacation). Discussion of what to focus on: shingles, windows, fences – we can address all of them. Sarah visited and used the example of 89 Easton Street and says it is a good example of how to preserve the home. Difference between rehabilitation where you can modernize and replace some things as long as you preserve the historic character. Angus mentioned managing expectations on changes to a building. Location and time still TBD. Holly will have final details by next meeting. PowerPoints are due Oct 22.*
- *Commission Goals Abby reviewed*
- *Approval of minutes – August 15, 2025 meeting and June 27, 2025 Certified Local Government Commission meeting Motion to approve the minutes by Angus, second by George. Unanimous approval.*
- *Other Business*
 - *Company that works on linseed oil paints (Brouns and Company) and wants to be involved in Nantucket by Design as it is healthier for historic structures. Will be here on the island Nov 8-9 and think about hosting a meet and greet to introduce them to the community.*
 - *Glenn Boornazian has confirmed the Beineke plaque will be rededicated and there will be a celebration the weekend of October 11 as part of the Congregational Church 300th anniversary.*
 - *NPT Preservation awards on Sep 25 at 5PM at 11 Centre Street*

Motion to adjourn by George at 11:14AM, seconded by Abby. Unanimous approval.