

Bourne Historical Commission
30 Keene Street, P.O. Box 3131, Bourne, MA 02532
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2023

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Chairman Carl Georgeson called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Members Present: Deborah M. Burgess, Jean Campbell, Carl Georgeson, Neil Langille, and Judith Riordan

Associate Members: Karl Spilhaus, Richard Kantor, Toni Dering, and Steven Philbrick

Excused: Blanche Cody and Mary P. Reid

Public: Elizabeth Ellis, John York, Jack MacDonald and Michael Rausch, Bourne Enterprise

Demolition Delay Hearings for 14 Kennebec Avenue, Pocasset, 160 Clark Road, Sagamore, and 96 Megansett Road, Cataumet, were held. Minutes are recorded separately.

Regular Meeting

Secretary's Report: November 14, 2023 was accepted as printed.

Unfinished Business

- * Buzzards Bay Bank Pediment, Signage, and Main Street History – Blanche Cody is continuing to work on the sign. She will have it ready for review at the January 9, 2024 meeting.
- * Cape Cod Canal Highway Bridges – At the last meeting members agreed that suicide barriers are not within the purview of the Commission. It has been announced that the Sagamore Bridge will be replaced first. The Commission has written to have the plaques which are on both bridges saved.
- * Demolition Delay Order 9 Sandwich Road, Bourne – Expired May 10, 2023 – (Bourne Historical Society – CPA Funding approved STM May 2023 – Article 5 and Transfer of town owned vacant land Approved – ATM May 2023 – Article 20) No new information.
- * Demolition Delay Order 6 MacArthur Boulevard, Bourne – For 8 months to expire September 26, 2023 – (CPA Funding approved STM May 2023 – Article 4) The Secretary read an email from Mary Gilmetti in which she said the VFW has secured the building permit and is waiting for Eversource to issue a work order for moving wires as needed. The move should be soon.
- * Demolition Delay Order 38 & 44 Adams Street, Sagamore – For one year to expire April 11, 2024 – Mr. John W. Kenney, Esq., attorney for the owner, sent the Commission a letter with attachments of two letters they had sent to the Bourne Housing Authority and to Housing Assistance of Cape Cod. Neither organization was interested. This effort meets the by-law Section g., ii that "for at least six months the owner has made continuing, bonafide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful." It was, therefore, decided to continue the hearing on these two properties to January 9, 2024 at which time the Commission would vote to remove the Demolition Delay Order and allow the demolition of the buildings.
Jack MacDonald spoke about the shed which is between the two buildings. He said the shed was made with Side Works taken from Keith Cars. Carl Georgeson said the shed wasn't included in the demolition delay. Jack asked if he could approach the owner to remove the shed himself. There was no objection.
- * Demolition Delay Law Review Guidelines – Both John York and Jack MacDonald had stayed for the Regular Meeting specifically for this item. Deborah Burgess explained that the item appears on all the Agendas for the Commission in case there is information to be shared. John York talked about his emails which can be lengthy. Deborah Burgess said that his emails are often great, long threads and go on for many pages. John immediately said he can fix that and not send them like that.
- * Historic Survey and National Register – No report.
- * Historical Center - Restoration of stained and leaded glass windows (CPA Funding approved STM November 2012) – Elizabeth Hartsgrrove, Assistant Town Manager and Brianne Van Vorst have been in communication and results are expected soon.
- * Hoxie - Overseeing of Historical Restriction dated June 9, 2015 – The sale agreement to Anna's Pals has been signed. A final copy should be sent to the Commission for our files.
- * National Historic Register - Installation of Plaques at Town Hall and Jonathan Bourne Historical Center – The Commission is working with Elizabeth Hartsgrrove, Assistant Town Manager, to get this project completed.

- * Publishing – No report.
- * Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument - repair of Eagle (CPA Funding approved STM Oct. 2014- 6315-99-999) –
The balance in this fund will be needed for the next cleaning of the Eagle in about 10 years – 2034.
- * Town Seal – No report.
- * Website – Jean Campbell reported that it needs some flushing out particularly the process for Demolition Delay. Richard Kantor had information about the process for applying for permits which he will send to Jean.

New Business

- * Town Hall Report – No information at this time.
- * General Operating Concerns & Public Comment – There were no Operating Concerns.
Public Comment – John York said he likes us and likes what we do. He is a technical person and likes the process of the historic tradition.
- * Excused Absences – Mary Reid
- * Next Demolition Delay Meeting – January 9, 2024
- * Next Regular Meeting – January 9, 2024
- * Members were reminded to contact the Secretary if they have anything to be included on the next Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Deborah M. Burgess
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments:
Agenda