

Bourne Historical Commission
30 Keene Street, P.O. Box 3131, Bourne, MA 02532
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2023

Chairman Carl Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present: Deborah M. Burgess, Blanche Cody, Carl Georgeson, Neil Langille, Mary P. Reid, and Judith Riordan
Associate Members: Karl Spilhaus, Richard Kantor, and Toni Dering
Excused: Jean Campbell

Public: Steven Philbrick, Buzzards Bay, and John York, Cataumet.

Demolition Delay Hearing for 1 Tahanto Road, Pocasset, was continued to August 22, 2023.

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Secretary's Report: July 11, 2023, was accepted as printed.

Unfinished Business

- * Buzzards Bay Bank Pediment, Signage, and Main Street -history - Blanche Cody has the materials and will be working on it soon. John York suggested including history of the RR Station. This project is nearly complete. It focuses on the Buzzards Bay National Bank Pediment which is now in the Buzzards Bay Park and the history of Main Street when the bank was located there.
- * Cape Cod Canal Highway Bridges - No new information from the Army Corps or the state. John York spoke about the suicide prevention barriers which are on both bridges. He said Monica Dickens was responsible for having the barriers installed. The barriers on the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges are the first installed in the U.S.
- * 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) – There is no new information about this project.
- * Demolition Delay Order 6 MacArthur Boulevard, Bourne – For 8 months to expire September 26, 2023 – (CPA Funding approved STM May 2023 – Article 4) The VFW is applying for a permit to have a concrete pad poured for the building. Geddes Building Movers, Bow, NH is waiting for the state permit to move the building to the VFW property on Shore Road.
- * Demolition Delay Order 38 & 44 Adams Street, Sagamore – For one year to expire April 11, 2024 – The owner made an offer to give the buildings to Housing Assistance Corporation. Housing Assistance would have to move the buildings at their expense to land which they already own. A deadline was set for them to accept the offer of September 22, 2023.
- * Demolition Delay Law Review Guidelines – No report.
- * Historic Survey and National Register –
 - * Historic Survey – Laura Kline, PAL, has made a proposal for the next survey, which will include 50 properties between Clay Pond Road and Barlows Landing Road.
 - * National Register – The Pocasset Community Club – Laura Kline, PAL, will be submitting a revised nomination draft for the National Register of Historic Places.
- * Historical Center - Restoration of stained and leaded glass windows (CPA Funding approved STM November 2012) – There was discussion of the roadblock which the Commission has run into recently when the work which has been done with Liberty Stained Glass for over a year was dismissed by Marlene McCollum, Town Administrator. Carl Georgeson wondered if we should hire Maria A. Raber, Designer, with Brown Lindquist Fenuccio & Raber Architects, Inc., now known as Catalyst Architects. She did an assessment of the Center windows in October of 2012. He also suggested contacting Julie Sloan who has a stained glass consultancy practice in North Adams, MA. Deborah Burgess said she has been talking with Donald (Jerry) Ellis about the windows in the Center and plans to speak with him at more length in September. She believes that the non-stained glass windows were worked on years ago and hopes Jerry will remember when, by whom, and what was done at that time. It was suggested that perhaps Jerry would attend our meeting on September 12 to talk to Commission members about the windows.

- * Hoxie - Overseeing of Historical Restriction dated June 9, 2015 – The Town is in negotiations to sell the former school to Anna's Pals, a non-profit working with families with children who have major health problems.
- * National Historic Register - Installation of Plaques at Town Hall and Jonathan Bourne Historical Center – No new information.
- * Publishing – There are two projects needing to be worked on: A new up-dated tri-fold handout representing the historical groups in town and reprinting of rack cards for the Historical Center.
- * 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 – Deborah Burgess hopes to get working on this project in September.
- * Website – Jean Campbell was unable to attend today's meeting. She will update the project at our next meeting.

New Business

- * Town Hall report – Carl Georgeson is working on the Annual Report to be included in the Town of Bourne's Annual Report for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.
- * General Operating Concerns –
 - * The owners of 871 Scenic Highway, Bournedale, contacted the Planning Office inquiring about historic pictures of their property. Julia Gillis, Assistant Town Planner, emailed Deborah Burgess, who responded and told her to tell the owners about the Archives. Ms. Burgess looked up the Property Card for 871 Scenic Highway. The picture showed all new windows in the building and listed were 2 renovations, neither of which, had come before the Commission. Ms. Burgess emailed Ms. Gillis and inquired as to why there hadn't been a Demolition Delay hearing. Ms. Gillis replied that the Planning Department had not been "tagged in those permits due to the incorrect information entered by the applicant, so we did not have a chance to review the permit and potentially make a referral to the Historical Commission. This is something we will certainly look into."
 - * 96 Megansett Road, Cataumet – Carl Georgeson acknowledged John York for his work on this property. The town Property Card states that the buildings located there were all built in 1950. This is not correct. The property is listed in MACRIS and the build date is c 1920. Mr. Georgeson has emailed the Planning Department requesting the demolition permit which had been issued be rescinded.
- * Excused Absences – Jean Campbell
- * Next Demolition Delay Meeting – August 22, 2023
- * Next Regular Meeting – September 12, 2023
- * Members were reminded to contact the Secretary if they have anything to be included on the next Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Deborah M. Burgess
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments:
Agenda