

Bourne Historical Commission
30 Keene Street, P.O. Box 3131, Bourne, MA 02532
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2023

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Chairman Carl Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Members Present: Jean Campbell, Carl Georgeson, Neil Langille, and Judith Riordan

Associate Members: Richard Kantor and Steven Philbrick

Excused: Deborah M. Burgess, Blanche Cody, Mary P. Reid, Karl Spilhaus, and Toni Dering

Public: Alan Metcalf, John York, Jack MacDonald, and Michael Rausch

Demolition Delay Hearing for 10 Bridge Street, Sagamore was held. Minutes are recorded separately.

Regular Meeting

Secretary's Report: September 12, 2023, was accepted as printed.

Unfinished Business

- * Buzzards Bay Bank Pediment, Signage, and Main Street History – Nothing New (Blanche was excused from this meeting).
- * Cape Cod Canal Highway Bridges - No new information from the Army Corps or the state. Carl Georgeson Comments from the public regarding the historical significance of the Suicide prevention barrier and ways to save for its historical significance (first of its kind) mentioned that there is a plaque to Monica Dickens on the Canal overlook on the Scenic Highway. She was instrumental in having suicide barriers installed on the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges in the 1980s. John York proposed that the Historical Commission express support for installation of suicide barriers on the new replacement bridges.
- * Demolition Delay Order 9 Sandwich Road, Bourne – Expired May 10, 2023 – (Bourne Historical Society) – nothing new.
- * Demolition Delay Order 6 MacArthur Boulevard, Bourne – For 8 months to expire September 26, 2023 – nothing new – (CPA Funding approved STM May 2023 – Article 4) The VFW is having problems getting a contractor to move the Information Booth. Cumberland Farms, owner of the property, has extended the time limit.
- * Demolition Delay Order 38 & 44 Adams Street, Sagamore – For one year to expire April 11, 2024 – No new information.
- * Demolition Delay Law Review Guidelines – No report.
- * Historic Survey and National Register – Historic Survey – Laura Kline, PAL, is on vacation. Gretchen Pineo is working on the proposal.
- * National Register – The Pocasset Community Club – The application is before the Massachusetts Historical Commission.
- * Historical Center - Restoration of stained and leaded glass windows (CPA Funding approved STM November 2012) - Town Administration has issue on a lower priority, so we need to call after November 1st to follow up.
- * Hoxie - Overseeing of Historical Restriction dated June 9, 2015 – Purchase and sale not closed yet.
- * National Historic Register - Installation of Plaques a Town Hall and Jonathan Bourne Historical Center –
- Nothing new.

- * Publishing – Blanche Cody will be working on the two projects: a new up-dated tri-fold handout representing the historical groups in town and reprinting of rack cards for the Historical Center (Blanche was excused from this meeting).
- * Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument - repair of Eagle (CPA Funding approved STM Oct. 2014- 6315-99-999) - nothing new reported.
- * Town Seal – No report.
- * Website – Jean Campbell reported that the website is mostly complete. Front page is ready. Work is needed to follow up and post the demo delay process and the ability to access minutes of the BHC meetings.

New Business

- * Town Hall Report –
- * Carl Georgeson said that the possible repairs to the Bourne Library, formerly the Bourne Grammar School have raised a question. On MACRIS there are conflicting statements. In one place it says that the school is eligible for National Register. In another it states, "Because of the extent of the changes made to the interior, it is the opinion of Massachusetts Historical Commission staff that the Bourne Grammar School is not individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places." Carl offered to write the MHC to request they revisit their earlier opinion.
- * Carl Georgeson is working on the Commission's Annual Report for the Town Report July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.
- * General Operating Concerns –
- * Excused Absences – Deborah Burgess, Blanche Cody, Karl Spilhaus, Mary Reid, and Toni Dering
- * Next Demolition Delay Meeting – Scheduled for October 24, 2023 - 96 Megansett Rd Cataumet
- * Next Regular Meeting – November 14, 2023
- * Future Agenda Items – Steven Philbrick discussed the upcoming 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Bourne Fire Department, and that Pocasset Station and the Monument Beach Station would be up for demolition once the new station is built. Under the current proposal the Pocasset Station (built 1946) would have to be demolished or moved. The Monument Beach station, originally a carriage house for the Gardner Estate, was built in the 1890's and was converted to a fire station in the 1920's. It has a lot of historic significance for the town and the village. John York discussed some ideas for repurposing and saving this building for future town use. We also mentioned how it has been a center of community activities for many years. I mentioned that I agree it should be salvaged due to these factors and I would advise as the situation with the new station develops.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Rich Kantor

Secretary Pro Tem

Attachment:
Agenda