

**Bolton Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
December 7, 2022**

Attendees:

Chairmen: Robert Busch

Members Present: Jeannemarie Padovano, Robert Tattersall, Martha Remington, Alice Coggeshall and Nate Smith

Guest attending: Mary Ciummo, Anne Forbes

Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Updates:

- **East End Historic District status** -. A. Forbes relayed that she doesn't have much in terms of updates, although she is still pursuing the new Historic District with MHC. A. Forbes noticed some development around 220 Main Street. This is a boundary property in the district, and while it is a big piece of property, it may not be visible from the road. B. Busch will do some research in the Building Permit files to see what he can find.
- **Follow-up 11/28 XP-22-7 (22 West Berlin Rd) Hearing** - B. Busch will set up a meeting with the property owner to discuss potential plans. Commissioners voted to authorize B. Busch to represent the Commission in such meeting(s).
- **Follow-up 12/1 Select Board Meeting** -B. Busch has asked for a slot on the Dec 15 Select Board agenda, and solicited inputs from the HC members. Nate Smith is interested to know what the SB goals are around historical preservation. Bob B said that B Czekanski had contacted him via email this summer for info but there was no useful dialog. A. Coggeshall thought that the meeting seemed overly heated and discouraged public participation. R. Tattersall noted that the Select Board is in charge of overseeing things and making sure rules are followed. However, there was a better way to go about it. M. Ciummo indicated that Busch's Dec 1 presentation was well delivered, and that she attended the meeting because she thought there might be some tension. She put the meeting on the Town FB page and noted that many comments support the BHC. B Busch plans to go back to the Select Board to make a short statement regarding the conduct of the meeting, suggesting that we don't all have to agree, but we should be able to communicate in a civil manner and work towards what is best for Bolton.

New Topics:

- **Historic District sign status** - One of the Pan District signs just before the Country Cupboard has been damaged. M. Remington has asked Sunshine Signs for an estimate on fixing it in the spring.

Administrative

- **Review and approve outstanding minutes** - November 2 Meeting minutes approved;
- **FY23 budget/expenditure status** - No money has been spent this fiscal year thus far. The final payment to Anne Forbes can be paid at any time.
- **Mail** - There is no new mail. M Remington has offered to stop in regularly to pick up any new mail.

Meeting Adjourned 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted, Jeannemarie Padovano