



TOWN OF WHATELY Whately, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

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Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Zoom Meeting, 5 pm

Meeting participants: Donna Wiley, chair, Allison Bell, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle.
Not present: Susan Baron.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

83 State Road site plan review. The plan is for offices and equipment storage for a landscaping firm on an empty lot adjacent to Route 91. It was agreed that it posed no concerns for the Historical Commission and that Donna would send the standard letter requesting the Planning Board to impose a condition requiring that any construction be halted if evidence of archaeological items is encountered.

Determining which site plans to review Donna suggested that we establish criteria for which types of plans the Commission ought to review. After some discussion, it was decided that a plan involving any of the following would merit review:

- Site within an historic district
- Structure listed on MACRIS and/or any pre-20th century buildings not on MACRIS
- Tobacco barns
- Scenic roads
- Likely archaeological sites – prehistoric and historic
- Mill sites
- Stone walls

Alan will try to locate information on identifying potential archaeological sites.

It was agreed to ask the Planning Board to make our condition about stopping work if artifacts are found a standard condition, so that a letter doesn't need to be sent for each plan submitted.

Complete Streets Donna reported that the work now being proposed is to extend the sidewalk in town center on the east side of the street south about as far as the church, replacing the last section of old sidewalk, and add one more crosswalk roughly from 182 Chestnut Plain to the church. It is consistent with the Conway study and there seems no need for the HC to comment.

Whately Diner There has been no response from the firm that owns the Diner in response to Judy's letter. She proposes that we proceed with an update to the inventory form and submit it to MHC for a determination whether it is still eligible for National Register listing. Allison agreed to do the photographs for the update.

The next meeting will be on November 21 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Markland