



## TOWN OF WHATELY Whately, Massachusetts

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Historical Commission

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Minutes from the Whately Historical Commission Meeting, May 3, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Donna Wiley at 5:05 pm.

Present: Donna Wiley (Chair), Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle, Allison Bell

**1. Minutes from last meeting** (4/19) were approved.

**2. Town Center Pump House site plan review signoff:**

—Architectural elevations requested from Wayne Hutkoski have not been received. Committee feels unable to give final approval without drawings showing exterior appearance.

—Design concerns about various elements (materials, paving, gate) and excessive lighting.

—Donna will draft response for committee to review by Wednesday.

—Donna will write to Wayne, Roger, and Don

**3. Prehistoric Sites:**

Committee has not received response from Peter Stott at Mass Historical Commission, re: extent of restrictions on publishing locations, dates and other information for prehistoric/ historic archaeological sites in publishing locations, dates and other information for prehistoric/ historic archaeological sites in town. Committee will wait to pursue this until there is a specific project for which it is relevant.

**4. MACRIS:**

Committee members expressed concern about inaccurate/disorganized entries for Whately buildings, areas and structures that were prepared for MACRIS in 1993. Dereka Smith is finding multiple inaccuracies in her work to document ownership of individual historic houses. Should committee pursue funding to work on this from MHC?

**5. Hidden History Project:**

—Alan referenced UniGuide app.

- Committee will focus on the architecture of the project. Should this be managed by a committee member? Or should we seek outside help?
- Alison will contact a web designer, Juliet Jacobson, to explore meeting with the committee on 6/7.
- For next meeting, Donna and Alan will bring content to date to assess scope of the project.

**6.** The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m..

**7.** The next meeting will be Monday, June 7, 5:00 p.m., using Zoom.