



TOWN OF WHATLEY

Whately, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

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MINUTES

WHATLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 18, 2021

Present: Donna Wiley (chair), Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle.

Absent: Allison Bell

Meeting conducted via Zoom and was recorded.

- The meeting called to order at 5:10 after some difficulties with Zoom links
- Minutes of meeting of August 23, 2021 approved.
- Whately Diner National Register Forms
 - Judy reported that National Register nomination was recommended for the Whately Diner but no action was ever taken. She has talked to Betsy Friedberg at the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to see if they are still interested and what our next steps should be. The property owner's permission will be required. Some photographs of both the exterior and interior may be needed. Once the documentation is completed and submitted, MHC will make a determination of eligibility.
- Marijuana retail site application at 149 Christian Lane:
 - Discussion was postponed until the project plan is revised
- Historic Preservation priorities for CPA applications
 - After some discussion, the criteria were changed to read as follows:

Preserve and rehabilitate historically significant buildings, structures and landscapes in Whately.

- Preserve, rehabilitate and document gravestones and landscapes in the town cemeteries.

Preserve the town's historic records and artifacts and provide storage to ensure their preservation.

Preserve the Historical Society's collection of Whately artifacts, photographs, and documents.

Update the existing inventory of historic structures, buildings, and houses, including tobacco barns, mill sites, and stone walls.

The line concerning signage and educational materials was removed because it no longer fits the state criteria for grants. Landscapes were added to the first criterion. 'Conserve' was changed to 'preserve' throughout to reflect our priorities more accurately. A question about the conditions under which private properties may qualify for CPA funding was discussed.

- Other business – a letter to the Veterans group will be sent congratulating them on the completion of their monument project next to Town Hall.
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 15.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alan McArdle