

CONCORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Public Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Present: Geoffrey Taylor (Chair), Annette Bagley, Andrew Koh, Electa Tritsch, and Diann Strausberg

Absent: Claire Gauthier (Associate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one addition: RFP for Caretaker of Harrington House

CHC Preservation Awards

Ms. Bagley recommended that all six CHC Preservation Awards submissions be awarded for the 2016 inaugural year. Members discussed the merits of the various projects and the nominees; it was agreed that all six were deserving of an award. Ms. Tritsch suggested that property owners be recognized, along with contractors, architects, and project managers. Ms. Bagley will inform the award winners, the Concord Journal, and Sean Dugan (Public Information Officer) of the results. An award ceremony is tentatively set for the end of May (historic preservation month). The awards will consist of a framed certificate. Mr. Taylor agreed to meet with Marcia Rasmussen about obtaining funding for the awards and to discuss the venue for the ceremony.

Implementation of Demolition Review Bylaw

Members discussed the public's possible concern over objectivity. The CHC will rotate responsibility of preliminary reviews of a demolition permit received from the Building Department. Ms. Strausberg will begin the rotation.

Ball Benson House Discussion

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Tritsch discussed the results of a Select Board hearing about the possible reconstruction of the Ball Benson House/Barn. The Select Board intends to solicit quotes from architects to evaluate the contents of the trailers where the house/barn is stored. Mr. Taylor raised the possibility of submitting a CPA application to obtain funds for its reconstruction. Various locations were discussed if the project is deemed feasible.

Archaeology Project – Demonstration of Handheld LiDAR by Ken Dooley of DotProduct

Mr. Koh introduced Ken Dooley of DotProducts. Mr. Dooley explained the merits of a long-range scanner to document properties. A demonstration was given that produced a three-dimensional model with realistic images of the second-floor conference room at 100 Keyes Road. Mr. Koh is enthusiastic about the technology and believes the Town could benefit from it.

Historic House Marker Review

No Historic House Markers were submitted.

Brief Discussion of Other Ongoing Projects

No material discussion was held.

RFP for Caretaker of Harrington House

Ms. Tritsch reported that the Town requires the caretakers of the Harrington House to complete an RFP. She will follow up on this requirement.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Bagley

Minutes Approved on: _____ June 9, 2016 _____