

Lincoln Historical Commission
Historic District Commission
Brown's Wood Historic District Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Board Members: Andrew Glass, Chair, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Doug Adams, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Gary Anderson, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Christopher Boit; HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Robert Domnitz; HDC/BWHDC; Lynn Delisi, HDC/BWHDC

Alternates: Frank Clark, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Allen Vander Meulen, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Judith Lawler, HDC/LHC/BWHDC)

(Member unavailable: Andy Ory, HDC/LHC/BWHDC)

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission:

Discussion:

58 Codman Road:

Pete Lowy, Ken Bassett, and John Vancor came before the Historic District Commission (HDC) on behalf of Codman Farm to discuss a proposed project for improving the driveway, parking, and entry to the main barn. Mr. Bassett noted that the project is meant to facilitate safer and easier access to the main barn. New pedestrian access to the farm property would require removal of a small portion of the stone wall on the north side of Codman Road to connect to a crosswalk and then the sidewalk on the south side of Codman Road. The project would also add a new entrance to the store on the south side of the main barn and would make other above grade changes. At Town Meeting, the farm will ask the Town to approve CPA funding for certain aspects of the project. Andrew Glass noted that the HDC greatly appreciates all that the farm does for the community. Allen Vander Meulen made a motion that the HDC express its support for the farm's request for CPA funding. Judith Lawler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gary Anderson-aye; Bob Domnitz-aye; Lynn Delisi-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

Addition to Historic District and Creation of Twin Pond Lane Historic District:

Mr. Glass noted that he attended the Planning Board meeting where the members of the board voted unanimously to support the HDC's Town Meeting articles for the proposed addition of a property to the historic district and the creation of the Twin Pond Lane Historic District. Mr. Glass will attend an upcoming Select Board meeting to preview the warrant articles to that board. The Select Board will record the presentation so that the public may view it in advance of Town Meeting. Doug Adams made a motion to approve the Select Board's recording of Mr. Glass's presentation and that it be made available to the public. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gary Anderson-aye; Bob Domnitz-aye; Lynn Delisi-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

Lincoln Historical Commission:

Discussion regarding Rt. 2A Resurfacing Project:

Paul Vaughn-MacKenzie appeared before the Lincoln Historical Commission (LHC) to provide an update on the status of the Route 2A resurfacing project. She noted that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is required by federal law to provide the LHC with the opportunity to

comment on the impact of the proposed project design on historical resources. The Town and the LHC had previously submitted letters encouraging MassDOT to undertake enhancements that would improve accessibility to the Minute Man National Historical Park (NHP), slow traffic, and enhance the park-like setting of the road. Ms. Vaughn-MacKenzie presented the slide show that MassDOT had shown to project stakeholders in February 2022. The majority of the work and most of the proposed improvements are located within Lincoln. The purpose of the project is to improve access, safety, and mobility for all users. Route 2A bisects the NHP. Pedestrians and bicyclists make heavy use of the NHP trail. They frequently cross Route 2A to access the trail but currently have no means to do so safely. Route 2A has become a short cut for vehicles avoiding Route 2. Vehicles often travel at speeds in excess of 45 miles per hour. The project would introduce traffic calming measures within the current width of the road. Calming elements include narrowing travel lanes and constructing pedestrian refuge island and crosswalks in four locations. Rapid flashing beacons at the crosswalks would only flash when activated by a pedestrian seeking to cross Route 2A.

Mr. Glass stated that the LHC has an important role to fulfill in the review process, including commenting on the impact of the proposed design on the NHP and Lincoln's historical resources. Frank Clark noted that he is opposed to making any changes to the road and adding crosswalks because of the historic importance of the road. Bob Domnitz noted that it is difficult for pedestrians to cross Route 2A and for bicyclists to use the road safely. Mr. Glass noted that slowing traffic and modulating the visual and acoustical distraction of high-speed vehicles, preserving elements along the road such as stone walls, returning some of the existing asphalt to green space, and making the NHP more accessible to everyone would enhance the historical experience for visitors. Doug Adams made a motion to appoint Andrew Glass to draft a letter for the LHC to MassDOT, incorporating comments from the LHC and submitting the draft letter to MassDOT. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gary Anderson-aye; Frank Clark-aye for the letter but opposed to giving MassDOT a carte blanche; Doug Adams-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

Housing Choice Act:

Mrs. Vaughn-MacKenzie updated the LHC on that aspect of the Housing Choice Act affecting MBTA communities. The Select Board and Planning Board have approved a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) seeking clarification of certain aspects of the proposed DHCD regulations implementing the Act. In particular, the letter seeks clarification of the location and density for the required housing zones near transportation stations, for the interplay between the Act's regulations and state requirements regarding conservation land, drinking water, and wastewater treatment. Mr. Glass noted that the tone of the letter is positive with the goal of finding creative solutions that would assist Lincoln and other towns in solving the issues addressed by the Act. Doug Adams made a motion to authorize Andrew Glass to sign the letter on behalf of the Historical Commission. Judith Lawler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gary Anderson-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

Minutes:

Frank Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting as written. Doug Adams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Doug Adams-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye

At 9:30 p.m., Christopher Boit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judith Lawler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Doug Adams-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Christopher Boit-aye; Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Andrew Glass-aye

Submitted by Elaine Carroll

Approved: April 5, 2022