

# **NORTHBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

## **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for 96 Whitney Street**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2018**

**Present:** Norm Corbin, Amy White, Stephanie Stockman, Zenya Molnar, Leslie Harrison, Bruce Chute, Alexandra Molnar, Brian Smith (Alternate), Michael Duchesneau (Alternate)

**Guests:** Julianne Hirsh (Selectwoman), Anthony Ziton (Planning Board), Bob Gleason, Kerry Hill, Carol Bostock (owner of 96 Whitney St.)

The Chairman called the public hearing to order at 7:05pm.

#### **Public Hearing**

- 96 Whitney Street
  - Norm began by explaining the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the historical significance of 96 Whitney St.
  - There were three sources of information discussed about the property. There was a walk-through, a state inventory form, and information from the Northborough Historical Society archives.
  - Mrs. Bostock discussed in detail the history of the property. She owned this property, with her husband, for 55 years. They have maintained it over the years, but the property is now having foundational issues. The foundation in the back of the house is compromised, a wall has moved away from the kitchen sink. Upstairs the chimney is crumbling at the ceiling, and one of the bedroom ceilings is split across the wall. Another chimney needed to be dismantled, and a third chimney has moved away from the wall. The barn burned in 1952 and the inside of the barn is charred. The barn is pulling away from the house. There is one bathroom downstairs, and they are unable to put a second bathroom upstairs.
  - The developer is proposing two lots on the 2 acre property.
  - Amy requested that items such as the floor boards be salvaged. Mr. Gleason said he would like to try to save the floorboards.
  - Per Michael's request, Mr. Gleason agreed to have a historic marker placed at 96 Whitney St commemorating the significance of this property
  - Amy made a motion to continue the 180 delay for the property at 96 Whitney Street. This was seconded by Alexandra, and it did not pass (in favor = 0, opposed = unanimous).

Leslie moved to close the public hearing at 7:28. It was seconded by Amy and passed unanimously.

## Monthly Meeting

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

### Agenda

- Colonial Headstones Preservation Project – work is continuing
- Meeting House Historic Sign – The sign is warped – It is back to the manufacturer to be fixed.
- White Cliffs Reuse Committee Update – Forty people responded to the request for qualifications. Monday there will be a walkthrough of White Cliffs to show those interested in what the building looks like on the inside.
- CPA Project Planning – Due date is August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Replacement of the Old Howard Street Burial Grounds map
  - Marker for Brigham Street Cemetery - Beth Finch McCarthy will write a paragraph about the history of the cemetery.
  - Howard Street Cemetery – The NHDC will not request funding from the CPA this year. Instead, the commission will pursue expanding the cemetery into the local historic district. Howard Street Cemetery (Historic District Expansion and/or Nat. Register)
- Two Historic Markers (Gale Store, Cold Harbor Brook) – This will be discussed in August. Stephanie and Amy will write drafts for these markers.
- Temporary Signs installed on Historic District Properties – no update
- Letters of Appreciation – The letter to 37-39 Main Street has been mailed.
- Additional Alternate Members – We welcome our newest alternate member, Michael Duchesneau.
- Master Plan Steering Committee Update – There was a meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> to review the public meeting. The committee is continuing to review the draft of the master plan, not including any new additional information.
  - Applefest – Norm submitted the application for the street fair. We need a new banner, which will cost approximately \$90.00. The banner will have the town seal and the words “Northborough Historic District.” Amy made a motion that the banner will not exceed \$100.00. Leslie Harrison second the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of previous meeting minutes – Leslie Harrison made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2018. Amy White seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously from the members that were present at the June meeting.
- Meeting Schedule for the Summer – There will be an August meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Adjournment - Alexandra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. This was seconded by Amy White, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman  
Secretary