

Princeton Historical Commission

Minutes of meeting: August 23, 2018

Members present: Phil Mighdoll, Matt, Carl, Larry Todd (chair).

Meeting was called to order at 7: 08 pm.

Minutes of 7/19 meeting could not be approved since members were not present who attended that meeting.

Mechanics Hall.

The committee has not yet been formed. Only 2 volunteers have stepped forward so far. Larry informed Nina about PHC's interest and responsibility regarding this matter.

Bagg Hall stabilization.

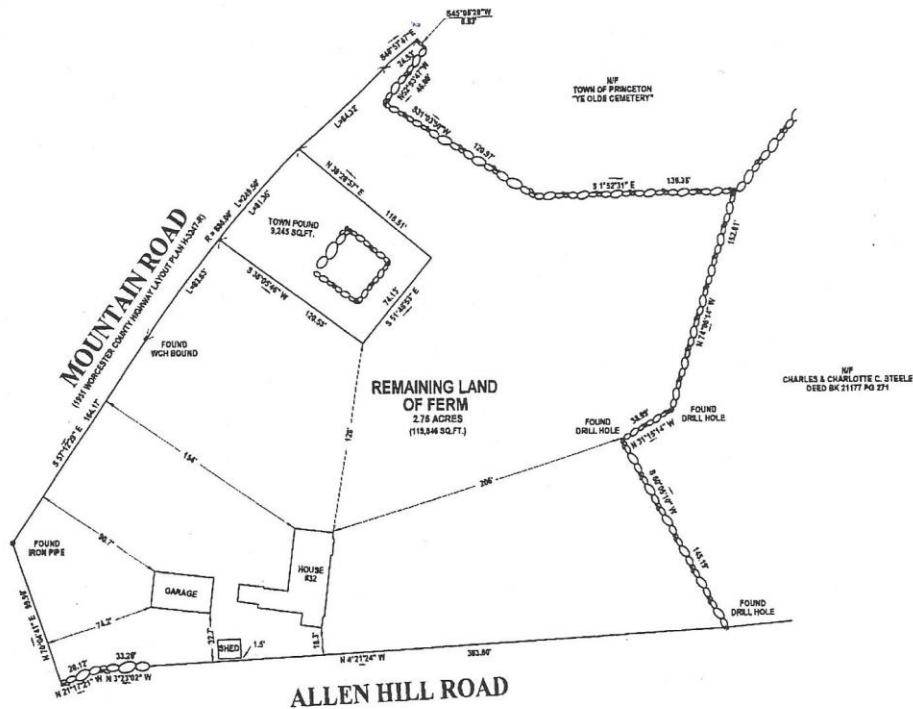
Larry learned from talking to Nina that the Town isn't moving on this project until after the rehabilitation of Town Hall Annex. She is aware of the Mass Historic restrictions surrounding the Ball Hall work.

Town Pound Project.

We are waiting for Princeton Tree to identify a slot in their work schedule. The sign has not yet gotten into the discussion.

Larry distributed a plot plan, below, which illustrates another issue – access to the Town Pound site. Access from the road is problematic due to the steep slope. However, after some discussion, it seemed a logical solution is a path from the Meeting House Cemetery. But that's over private land owned by Durand.

In retrospect, we wondered why access wasn't considered when the Town Pound land was acquired by the Town. Likely it was an oversight. We suggested that Larry, perhaps with Joyce Anderson's help, seek to have an informal discussion with the present owner to explore options.



PHC Sponsored Public Presentation.

There was some lively discussion about Princeton taking the lead in some historically significant presentation. It was suggested that we try to do this in coordination with a larger town such as Worcester. The example of the Worcester 1774 effort was mentioned.

However, it was noted such an effort maybe outside of the scope of PHC.

Examples discussed that might be more appropriate included:

- How to get on the National Registry of Historic Places
- How to research the history of a property
- Hands-on restoration projects, i.e., windows

Perhaps we should solicit the Historic House Interest Group for their suggestions.

This is a continuing agenda item for the PHC.

Historic House Interest Group.

No progress. The ball is still in Krista's court on this matter.

The PHC website.

It was suggested that we add a statement such as "PHC has the original documents which supported the applications for listing the several Princeton sites in on the National Park Service's Register of Historic Places and can arrange to give you access."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, 9/20 at 7 pm in the Annex.

Submitted by *Phil Mighdoll*