

## Kingston Historical Commission

Minutes

April 12, 2023

Acting Chairman Lynne Carreiro called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in Room 203.

**Members Present:**, Dave McKee, John Bartlett, Tom Vendetti, Lynne Carreiro, Jim McKenna, Ken Brack

**Members absent:** Craig Dalton **Guests:** Susan Sherman, Marijoan and Ken Stevens

1. Review minutes of previous meeting. John motioned to approve, Dave seconded, unanimous.
2. Pay Bills: None
3. Mail

Received Phase 1 Archaeological Survey report of the Sylvia Place Pond Dam Breach Project area. An investigation was done last summer in the planned access road and staging area for the dam breach project, led by Prof. Michael Zimmerman of Bridgewater State University. Members may review the report later when Chairman Dalton returns.

New Business:

4. May 18 Historical Tour of Bradford House, Drew House, Shiverick boat sheds, VAF/Plymouth Conference Tour

5. Thickly Settled Main Street update, newsletter. Main Street residents Susan Sherman, and Marijoan and Ken Stevens asked the Commission for a letter of support urging the Selectmen to designate a portion of Main Street as thickly settled to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. The current regulatory limit is 35 mph in the area extending from about Mayflower Congregational Church, past Green Street and Saint Joseph Parish. They are among a group of residents who believe traffic will be calmed by reducing the speed limit along with taking other measures.

SuSan Sherman shared photos of her home at 215 Main Street with cracks in the ceilings and walls which she believes are caused by heavy truck traffic speeding close to the house. Ken Stevens of 217 Main Street reported similar damage to his home. They and other residents have been unsuccessful so far appealing to Selectmen to designate Main Street as thickly settled like other areas in town, which would reduce the speed limit. Members agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

6. Renew NAPC membership – Continued

Continuing Business:

7. CPC historical projects update

Dave gave an update on several projects that have been recommended for Town Meeting approval by the Community Preservation Committee.

8. Update on 300th Book Project

Ken and Tom previewed the book committee's planned May 18 open house at the Adams Center, inviting the public and saying it will be an opportunity for people to ask questions and for contributors to gather.

9. Update on 300th Anniversary Committee

John reported on the committee's recent meeting and new appointed members.

Tom motioned to adjourn at 7:25, seconded by Ken, unanimous. The nwxt meeting is set for May 10.