

## **August 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Newton Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town Hall on August 16, 2022. Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Chairman Porter stated that proper notice had been given for this meeting in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

Chairman Porter led the Salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Porter – present

Mr. Kaplan – present

Ms. Schulte – present

Ms. Ibanez - present

Mr. McCabe – present

Also present: Jessica Caldwell, Town Planner; Wayne McCabe, Town Historian; and Kerry Brown, Board Secretary

### **MINUTES**

Ms. Schulte made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022. Ms. Ibanez seconded the motion.

AYE: Ms. Schulte, Ms. Ibanez, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Porter

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Update from Wayne McCabe – Certified Local Government Grants 2023**

Mr. McCabe explained that the State was holding a zoom meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> for the next round of applications for the CLG grants. Mr. McCabe explained that he detailed the last 40 years plus of the programs that were funded in the past. Mr. McCabe presented the 11 items to the Board and provided an overview of past awarded items. Some of the past items included, newspaper, industrial archaeology survey, maps, inventories, procedural guidelines, and guidelines for the design of new and replacement signs.

Mr. McCabe stated that some of the items were done over 30 years ago and are long outdated. Mr. McCabe testified that one of the past items was a slid show of Historic preservation and strategies. Mr. McCabe stated that the slid show was very informational for residents and businesses and provided great insight into what the Town was looking for and how to proceed with projects.

Mr. McCabe informed the Commission that in the past, the HPC received over \$200,000 in grants to produce the items. Mr. McCabe also stated that the Town of Newton was considered the best CLG in the State.

Mr. McCabe suggested that outreach programs are very important and useful and that the Commission should consider holding an informational program moving forward. Mr. McCabe

stated that the Commission needs to be educating residents and business owners and getting information to the public.

Several board members stated that it would be beneficial if the Town had updated packets to provide to residents and business owners. The commission also suggested that postcards be sent to residents and business owners in the historic district advising them of the designation and the existing regulations. It was also noted that perhaps if we had all the past awarded items digitalized, it would be beneficial.

Mr. McCabe stated that he would submit the proposed information for the application process for the awarding of the 2023 grant and keep the Commission informed.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no audience present.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Schulte and seconded by Ms. Ibanez. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Brown  
Historic Preservation Commission Secretary