

Natick Historical Commission

Meeting Memorandum May 18, 2022 (via Zoom)

In Attendance:

Steve Evers
Vincent Vittoria
Henry Haugland.
Nat Shiedley
Mike Frechette
Kyle Bollen

Not in Attendance:

Sal Alessi
Maureen Mann
Mike Pojman

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm by Steve Evers. The following is a summary of discussions held:

- 1) A slate of officers was discussed and a motion made by Steve Evers for his continuation as Chair, Vincent Vittoria as Vice Chair, and Henry Haugland as Secretary.
Seconded: Nat Shiedley
Voted: Unanimously
- 2) Henry gave the Commission an update regarding the negotiations between the Town and Mass Audubon regarding the Sawin House. An overview of the past 7 years of failed discussions and abrupt drop in further development attributed by the Pandemic was detailed. Now in Place, Jamie Erikson as Town Administrator will be responding to next steps and introduction to the new Mass Audubon President to renew the efforts to acquire the property. Steve noted that a thorough Inventory has been completed and now on file with the Mass Historical Commission. Owner permission must be given to determine the property to be eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. Such status would make the house eligible to apply for Preservation Funds. Nat Shiedley also noted that the property could receive CPA funding, should that be accepted in the upcoming election.
- 3) Steve Evers recused himself as a member to present his design plans to restore and adapt the 4 family John Goodenow House, c. 1715, 1741 @ 97 Bacon Street. The house was evaluated by a Structural Engineer and determined to be unstable, requiring a new foundation and replaced interior structure. The modern additions to the house are not complementary to the historic house, and the developer will remove and replace it with more complimentary additions. Steve asked for permission for selective demolition and

reconstruction of additions in accordance with the plans and exterior elevations as presented. Updates of plans made by the architect of record will require further review to assure compliance with design intent.

Motion to approve:

Henry Haugland Seconded:

Vincent Vittoria Approved:

Unanimously

- 4) Nat Shiedley, as our representative on the CPA Committee, gave an update of the status for approval. Spring Town Meeting by a large vote approved the measure to be on the ballot this coming November, where turn-out will be greatest given the State-wide elections. Given the benefits illustrated by the CPA's adoption by our surrounding Cities and Towns, it may be the right time for Natick to adopt.

Prepared by: Steve Evers