

Town of Salisbury

5 Beach Road Salisbury, Massachusetts 01952

RING'S ISLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MINUTES:

December 1, 2017 at 5:00 at Ring's Island Community House, Fourth Street , Salisbury.

Meeting opened at 5:05

PRESENT:

Diane Dondero Bobbi Klima Ray Pike Lance Wisniewski

Item 1 Review/Approve Minutes; Schedule date, time and location for next meeting Minutes of 11/9/2017 were approved. The next meeting will be on January 12, 2018 at 5:00 at the Community House.

Item 2 Discuss Status of Action Items

- Lance's notes from the telephone conversation of October 5, 2017 underway.
- Ray follow up with Bart re copies of the color-coded maps. no response from Bart.
- Bobbi will revise letter and email revision to committee members. done.
- Ray to email Chris Skelly about meeting in Boston Done.
- Diane to follow up with Chris Skelly following Ray's email done. Meeting occurred at the Community House at 11:00-1:00 on 12/1.
- Ray to talk to Neil Harrington about guidelines/regulations for use of the Community House. pending.

Item 3 Discuss base map of Historic District Study proposed area

Ray will contact Bart again about getting copies of the map.

Item 4 Discuss MHC visit(s), correspondence

Diane, Bobbi and Lance summarized the meeting with Chris Skelly. Mr. Skelly explained the difference between the Historic Register and a Local Historic District (LHD) and also discussed Demolition Delay and Architectural Preservation Districts aka Neighborhood Conservation Districts.

Some of Mr, Skelly's main points were:

- When a area is designated as on the Historic Register, this is an honorary status and does not involve any regulations or regulatory review.
- Local Historic Districts (LHDs) involve regulatory review and are the strongest form of protection.
- Demolition Delay is a very weak in terms of protecting structures.
- Architectural Preservation Districts (APDs) provide a middle point between Local Historic Districts and Demolition Delay. They are more flexible than LHDs but can provide more protection than Demolition Delay.
- Ipswich has recently established an Architectural Preservation District .
- Actions such as a plaque program identifying age/original owner etc, and national registry designation of individual historic houses increase visibility and importance of an older neighborhood.

Item 5 Discuss Letter that will introduce Survey Questions, strategies, schedules

The letter is ready to be sent.

Item 6 Other Items not on the agenda

None.

Item 7 Review Action Items assigned / accepted

- Lance's notes from the telephone conversation of October 5, 2017
- Ray follow up with Bart re copies of the color-coded maps.
- Diane to follow up with Chris Skelly about obtaining a copy of model bylaw for an Architectural Preservation District as well as some sample Design Guidelines
- Diane and Bobbi will start developing a fact sheet for LHDs , APDs and Demolition Delay.
- Ray to talk to Neil Harrington and/or Nancy Sander about guidelines/ regulations for use of the Community House.
- Connie offered to work with Ray to find a contact in Ipswich re their Architectural Preservation District.

Item 8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15.