



Town of Salisbury

***5 Beach Road
Salisbury, Massachusetts 01952***

RING'S ISLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MINUTES:

October 6, 2017 at 5:00 at Ring's Island Community House, Fourth Street , Salisbury.

Meeting opened at 5:30

PRESENT:

Diane Dondero
Bobbi Klima
Ray Pike
Lance Wisniewski

Item 1 Review/Approve Minutes; Schedule date, time and location for next meeting

The review of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting. In the future Bobbi will bring printed copies of minutes to be reviewed and approved at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 20 at 5:00 in the Community House.

Item 2 Discuss response from Mass Hist Comm, and share Neighborhood Conservation Dist alternative

There has been no more communication with the Mass Historic Commission but Ray will contact Chris Skelly to discuss the possible times to meet with him, both in Boston and in Salisbury.

Lance reported that he and Bobbi had a telephone conversation with Sarah White who is a planner in Somerville and has had experience with historic districts. She has less experience with Neighborhood Conservation Districts so she recommended discussing this option with Chris Skelly of the Mass Hist Com as he is the most knowledgeable person on these topics. She also suggested contacting the town planning department of Lincoln MA They have established a

Neighborhood Conservation District bylaw and have a town meeting style government similar to ours so it could be useful to understand what they did.

Bobbi distributed a draft of possible short definitions (attached) that she and Diane developed for the three options we have been researching: Historic Districts, Neighborhood Conservation Districts and Demolition Delay. The yet-to-be-scheduled meeting with Mr. Skelly will help us to understand how these three methods work and how they might be adapted for Ring's Island.

Item 3 Discuss base map of Historic District Study proposed area

Bart McDonough of the Salisbury Planning Department has scanned the three color-coded maps that Ray developed. Ray will ask him to make copies for the committee members.

Item 4 Discuss Community House alternative uses

After some discussion about when was the right time for the committee to focus on this item, Bobbi Klima made a motion to table the discussion of alternate uses for the Community House and take it up later in the study process. The motion was second by Lance Wisniewski and passed 3-0 with Ray Pike abstaining.

Item 5 Discuss Survey Questions, strategies, schedules

Ray and Bobbi noted that in the meeting with the planning Department, Lisa Pearson suggested that prior to distributing a survey/questionnaire to the residents of Rings Island, we could send out a letter introducing the Study Committee and describing what we are trying to accomplish. In this letter we should also tell them that we will soon be sending them a set of survey questions.

Item 6 Other Items not on the agenda

Action Items:

- Lance will write up his notes from the telephone conversation with Sarah White.
- Bobbi will contact the town planners in Lincoln.
- Ray will send an email to Chris Skelly about meeting with him.
- Ray will follow up with Bart to obtain copies of the color-coded maps.
- Diane and Bobbi will develop a first draft of a letter for Ring's Island residents and email the draft to committee members for comments.

Item 7 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

DEFINITIONS

Historic District

A method of protecting properties linked by architectural style, historical development, or a past event. It provides a regulatory review process of all changes to exterior architectural features visible from a public way. Local Historic Districts offer the strongest form of protection for the preservation of historic structures.

Neighborhood Conservation District

An effective method for maintaining scale and character of established older neighborhoods. Neighborhood conservation districts focus on preserving the streetscape and retaining neighborhood character primarily by regulating new construction and demolition. NCDs are more flexible than HDs as they are often guidance rather than regulations.

Demolition Delay

A general bylaw that provides a community with a means to ensure that potentially significant buildings and structures are not demolished without notice and some level of review by a town board or commission.