



Historical Commission

Town of Chilmark

MEETING NOTES - DRAFT January 24, 2022 (via ZOOM)

Present for the Historical Commission and attending the Zoom meeting were Jane Slater - Chair, James (Jim) Malkin, Barbara Armstrong, John Flender and Alison Kisselgof - Administrator. Steve McGhee was not in attendance.

The meeting came to order at 3:02 PM.

FY2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Alison shared the FY2023 budget with the Commission members. She explained that there were no changes to the budget from the prior year and asked if anyone has any suggestions of changes to make for this year.

Jim asked where the stone wall restoration allocations came from since there was no line item for this purpose in the budget. Jane said that these funds are from Community Preservation.

Jane asked if there were any current subscriptions. Alison replied that she was unaware of any subscriptions at this time.

Jim made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Barbara seconded the motion. Vote = Slater - aye, Malkin - aye, Armstrong – aye (John was not present at time of vote). The motion passed.

NORTH ROAD STONE WALL RESTORATION: The Historical Commission received a request for stone wall restoration on North Road from David Lundgren, resident at 22 Trustees Lane.

Alison shared a map of the property to identify the length of stone wall that David is requesting be repaired. Jim said that the Historical Commission's priority had been Middle Road stone wall restoration. Jim also mentioned that residents have the right to restore walls on their property – he was unsure whether David was asking for permission or funds to restore the stone wall. Jane offered that she assumed David was requesting funds since this is what residents normally do.

Jane went on to say that normally the wall is inspected by Commission members and then discussed. Jane also said that the Historical Commission did not decide to exclude restoration at North Road, only that the center of town and therefore Middle Road was prioritized above other locations. There have not been any requests from residents on Middle Road for wall restoration in a couple of years.

John offered that a lot of restoration had been done on Middle Road and added that he felt there were still a few wall sections that still need repair.

Jane asked if the other members wanted to continue restoration on stone walls in town and, if so, would this be done by request or would the Commission continue to hold funds for Middle Road restoration. Jim suggested that the Commission should get an idea of the cost of this North Road restoration before deciding.

Jane said that the town should not perform any brush cutting and requested that a member would need to take a look at the condition of the wall.

Jim would prefer not to start restoration on another road until Middle Road is finalized. Barbara recalled that there were a few wall sections restored on Middle Road and that the Commission was waiting on further requests, which did materialize. Barbara agreed that the North Road section should be inspected.

John & Barbara offered to go take pictures of the stone wall on North Road and share them with the other members prior to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the 11/17/21 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed. Barbara declined to vote since she was not present at the last meeting.

Vote = Slater - aye, Malkin - aye, Flender – aye.

OTHER TOPICS:

DOCUMENTS:

Request of Wall Restoration from David Lundgren

FY 2023 Budget

11/19/21 Draft Minutes

NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING: March 15, 2022 at 3pm via Zoom.

With no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Kisselgof, board administrator.