

Approved 5-14-25

Winchendon Historic Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Via Remote Participation

Members Present: Mary Harrington, Yvonne Harrington, Jenelle Sroczynski, James McCrohon,

Members Absent: Guy Corbosiero

Others Present: George Haramundanis

Meeting called to order: 4:07p.m.

Minutes:

*Motion to approve minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting McCrohon/Y. Harrington 4-0
Approved by roll call vote @ 4:08 pm.*

Announcements:

Chairwoman Harrington announced she had forwarded to the Commission information on different types of Historic Buildings located in Massachusetts. She also noted that when receiving an email, be sure to not respond to all members or comment on the email, as it would be in violation of Open Meeting Law. Mr. McCrohon announced he was recording the meeting.

Public Comments:

Mr. Haramundanis commented he believes Mr. Douglas Adams had an orchard on his property, The Adams Farm, on Hall Road. He was wondering if Commission members had any information on that? Mr. McCrohon forwarded a map that seemed to contain trees in the suspected orchard area. Mr. Haramundanis also questioned an old cart road on his property and where it lead. Ms. Sroczynski suggested reaching out to DPW as a list of discontinued roads is kept there.

Member Comments:

Ms. Y. Harrington is interested in Winchendon's Right to Farm Signs, and would like to see more of them installed around town. She would also like to see signs indicating when the Historic District is being entered. Chairwoman Harrington suggested she reach out to DPW Director Croteau for information and pricing. Ms. Sroczynski updated the Commission on the informational sessions the town is holding regarding the prop 2 ½ Override. There is great concern among

Commission members as this would potentially affect 2 historic buildings in town. Ms. Sroczynski also mentioned work being done on a historic home, and if a permit was pulled the Commission was not notified, as they should have been. Ms. Sroczynski and Chairwoman Harrington will meet with Building Inspector Germano to ask for information. Ms. Y. Harrington would like Mr. Germano to attend a meeting. *Motion to invite Mr. Germano to an upcoming Commission meeting Y. Harrington/Sroczynski 3-1 Approved by roll call vote.* Mr. McCrohon would like to explore the possibilities of getting grants to help owners of historic homes with repairs. Chairwoman Harrington asked Commission members to come to the meeting in May with an accomplishment.

Old Business:

No updates

Next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2025 at 4pm.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourned Sroczynski/Y. Harrington 4-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 5:15pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
