

Ipswich Historical Commission

April 11, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members: present: Joe Bourneuf, Linda Grimes, Gordon Harris, Steve Miles, Rachel Meyer, Christine Sarantopoulos

Staff: Ethan Parsons, Director of Planning Department
Laura Gresh and Mariana Ovnicek were not in attendance.

Called to order by Joe at 7:05 PM

There were no Citizen Queries.

Gordon shared an update on the Public Safety Public Property Re-Use Committee. Gordon was appointed by Town Manager, Tony Marino to represent the Historical Commission. Their meetings will be public and posted accordingly. Public is encouraged to share ideas.

Rachel Meyer and Christine Sarantopoulos had a very positive meeting with Frank Ventimiglia from the DPW regarding placement of the plaque commemorating the 1913 Millworker Strike and the death of bystander Nicoletta Pantelopoulou. Christine reported that the Church Council of the Greek Orthodox Church on Lafayette Road has granted permission for the IHC to use their hall for our planned ceremony on June 10, 2022 at 6:30. Members of the church have kindly offered to supply refreshments following the brief ceremony.

Joe Bourneuf has reached out to the Harold Bowen Fund regarding a donation for the Lafayette plaque. Joe will keep the IHC updated.

Gordon Harris stated that the status of the 115 High Street preservation agreement is currently unknown.

Minutes from March 24, 2022 meeting of the IHC were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Ethan Parsons mentioned working with the new owners of the Turner Hill Golf Club. Their architects have reached out to the Planning Office. Ethan will keep the IHC informed as the process continues. Ethan also reported that he has a great prospective candidate for the position of Town Planner, replacing Kristin Grubbs.

Steve Miles raised the topic of setting priorities for the IHC as time moves forward. Members were encouraged to give their suggestions to Joe for compilation for future reporting.

Linda Grimes raised the question of absenteeism of IHC membership. She suggested Joe reach out to full-time members and see if they are interested in moving to alternate status if their schedules prevent monthly attendance.

Linda Grimes nominated Rachel Meyer to the position of vice chair of the IHC. Unanimous in favor.

The next regular meeting of the IHC will be May 9, 2022, again via Zoom. Ethan will need the agenda for posting by April 25th.

Rachel moved and Chris seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Minutes by:
Linda Grimes

Minutes approved by the Historical Commission on May 9, 2022.