

Ipswich Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting June 21, 2021

Members in attendance: (via Zoom) Chair Gordon Harris, Vice-Chair Linda Grimes, Tess Schutte, Tom Schutte, Bill Effner, Lee Hathaway, Steve Miles.

In the absence of Secretary Laura Gresh, Linda Grimes offered to record minutes for this meeting.

Audience: Chris Morse, APDC, Kristen Grubbs, Town Planner

Gordon Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were no citizen queries.

A motion was made by Tess to accept the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Linda. Unanimous acceptance.

Steve and Linda gave a brief update on their participation on the IR density working group with the planning department. Primarily the focus has been on zoning changes. The group will continue as needed.

A site visit was held on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 55 Waldingfield Road. It was moved by Linda and seconded by Lee that the property located at 55 Waldingfield Road, including the buildings and supporting landscape, is historically and architecturally significant in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a famous architect or builder, or other historically significant person, event or process, per the Town's Great Estate bylaw. The motion passed unanimously.

Gordon announced, with regret, that John Fiske has resigned from his position as a full member of the IHC. Bill Effner will occupy the spot as a full member, previously being an alternate.

After some discussion it was moved by Linda and seconded by Steve that the IHC award the 2021 Mary Conley Award to John Fiske for his outstanding contributions to documenting and supporting the historic buildings and people in Ipswich. It was also decided to offer to Mr. Fiske the title of Honorary Chair Emeritus. This motion passed unanimously.

Tess moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Lee. Unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by Linda Grimes, Vice-Chair

Minutes Approved July 7, 2021