



Historical Commission

Town Hall- Meeting Room 3 Town Hall

Monday, May 8th, 2023, @ 6:30 p.m.

All meetings of the Historical Commission are recorded

Location: Town Hall Conf. RM 3

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Date of this meeting: May 8th, 2023

Meeting Notice: This meeting was held Pursuant to Chapter 2, Acts of 2023 (Format- Hybrid meeting).

Notice: In the event of a closure of Town Hall due to inclement weather or any other emergency the Hybrid Format shall switch to remote meeting zoom only for the posted meeting. In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed on the Town Web at

www.southwickma.org.

May 8th 2023 at 6:30 PM

The Public Body convened in Open Session according to M.G.L. c.30A, S21 (b) (1). The scheduled meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Chairpersons Kirk Sanders at 6:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairpersons, Kirk Sanders- Present

Member, Linda McQuade- Present

Member, Mark Rankin- Present

Member, Richard Marcil- Zoom

Chairman roll call attendance of Commission Members present for meeting

6:38 Public Comment-

Maryssa Cook-Obergon of 126 S. Loomis St Southwick, MA, came to the Historical Commission representing the Agricultural Commission with concerns about how the sales of Chapter 61A lands are handled. AgCom has a proposal for an updated procedure for handling MGL Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B Right of First Refusal Requests. This new procedure will better assist the Town in the possibility of purchasing 61A lands that are for sale if they wish to do so and if monies are available. The alternative may include the land being sold to other parties, which may result in the lands being taken out of 61A and becoming developed. Maryssa Cook-Obergon will send the updated Procedure for handling MGL Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B Right of First Refusal Requests via Email for the Historical Commission to review. Further conversation on this topic will occur at the next Historical Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes-

Linda McQuade motioned to accept the minutes of April 3rd, 2023, as written. Mark Rankin **seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Roll Call Vote-

Kirk Sanders- Yes, Linda McQuade- Yes, Mark Rankin- Yes, Richard Marcil- Yes

Financial Report-

The Financial report has remained the same. There have been no monies spent and no extra monies received.

Mail-

Mail Key to be given back to the returning Secretary.

Other Business-

Kirk Sanders made a **motion** to pass on the folder with Congamond Lake historical information to the Historical Society Mark Rankin **seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Roll Call Vote- Kirk Sanders- Yes, Linda McQuade- Yes, Mark Rankin- Yes, Richard Marcil- Yes

Open Discussion-

Kirk Sanders asked Linda McQuade if she would be interested in representing the Historical Commission at the CPC meetings. Linda will consider the position and get back to the Commission.

Motion to Adjourn-

Kirk Sanders made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Mark Rankin **seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Roll Call Vote- Kirk Sanders- Yes, Linda McQuade- Yes, Mark Rankin- Yes, Richard Marcil- Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Barton
May 15th 2023