

Ashland Historical Commission

Town of Ashland, Massachusetts

Tuesday, March 27th 2018
7:00 PM

Town Hall, Meeting Room A
101 Main St, Ashland, MA 01721

Meeting Minutes

Attendees – Justin Depasse, Cynthia Winterhalter, Elizabeth Whitham, AJ, Jim Norton

7 pm – Justin called the meeting to order

Demo Delay Bylaw

Justin briefed the commission on Demo Delay Bylaw- Liz is taking the lead to determine the spirit of the law, then we should submit a formal request to town. Liz will look at other town's policy for best practices. Then we look at Ashland Demo Delay by-law and submit a formal request to town if we want to modify.

Valentine Estate

Justin briefed the meeting about the latest status of the property and the town's interest to buy it

Cemetery Parking

The commission voted unanimously in favor of sending a letter to town manager and Selectman, voicing our concern over access to the Historical Cemetery.

Adaptive Reuse of Historical Buildings

Jim is taking the lead to review the town of Southboro's Article that allows owners of Historic property in Southboro the right to operate a small business out of their house – example are Art Gallery, Florist, Antique Shop, Bakery and other small uses. Jim will summarize Southboro's approach to be discussed with our commission.

New Business

Cynthia is leading the effort to make signs for historic properties, after we get the OK from town to install. We will work the details on the signs. Candidates for a sign are Pout Rock, Workmans camp, Valentine Estate. Old Conn Path, Jones Mill

Motion to adjourn by AJ and seconded by Cynthia – 8:30pm