

## THE IPSWICH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD, May 8, 2023 via Zoom

**Officers:** Mariana Ovnic, Laura Gresh

**Commissioners:** Gordon Harris, Christine Sarantopoulos

**Planning Department:** Andrea Bates

**Guests:** Conor Walsh (Glovsky & Glovsky), Stefano Basso (SV Design), Rich Ward (Turner Hill), Larry Graham (H.L. Graham Associates)

**Members Absent:** Lindsay Randall, Rachel Meyer, Stephen Miles

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

- I. Citizen Queries
  - a. None.
- II. Turner Hill: Rehabilitation of the "Hill Garage" building
  - a. Walsh introduced the background of the project. Basso outlined the rehabilitation plans for the building. Graham reviewed the site plan.
  - b. Commission members discussed and thereafter expressed support for the project.
  - c. Bates will inform the Planning Board.
- III. FY23 Budget discussion
  - a. Bates said intern budget cannot be carried over to next fiscal year. Commission will need to consider alternative use, if preferred, for remaining budget before the end of FY23.
  - b. Discussion ensued. Ovnic suggested use for Jenny Slew park or John Freeman plaque. Harris suggested use for repair to Visitor Center interior doors. Bates will look into if this use is permissible.
  - c. Vote tabled to next month.
- IV. 2023 HC summer intern update and project development
  - a. Ovnic and Bates shared intern project work and asked members to work on project creation and preparation. Sarantopoulos will prepare millworkers' strike project work. Gresh will prepare Town center architecture documentation project work.
  - b. Bates shared budget for intern project. Discussion ensued.
  - c. **Motion 2023.5.1** Harris moved to allocate up to \$975 for June FY23 intern work. Sarantopoulos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Update on Section 3A with discussion
  - a. Bates stated Ipswich has been awarded a technical assistance grant from MAPC and is working on additional grant applications.

- VI. Scheduling Mary Conley presentations
  - a. Bates will request 20 minutes in a July SB meeting.
  
- VII. Adopt minutes
  - a. Harris requested minutes state full member names.
  - b. **Motion 2023.5.2.** Ovnic moved to approve minutes with amendments as discussed. Sarantopoulos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- VIII. New business
  - a. Commission decided to take August off.
  - b. Commission will meet in-person on June 22nd and July 10th. Bates will try to reserve Rooms A or C for these meetings.
  
- IX. Adjournment
  - a. **Motion 2023.5.3** Harris moved to adjourn. Ovnic seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Next meeting will be held in person on June 22, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Bates  
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Minutes approved by the Historical Commission on July 24, 2023