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**Members:**

Passiglia, John, chair (2024)  
Blagg, Tim (2026)  
Mayo, Doug (2024)  
Jones, Margo (2026)  
David Brock (2026)  
Abbey, Matt (2025)

**Meeting Minutes for: 7/13/2023**

Meeting began at: 5:05 p.m. at the Zon Center

**Members present:** John Passaglia, Scott Conti, Matt Abbey, Margo Jones, Doug Mayo.

June's minutes, circulated via e-mail by Tim Blagg, were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

- John gave a verbal update on the Battlefield Commission's efforts to survey properties within the battlefield boundaries, and to get volunteers who are interested in this important 1676 event.
- Survey & Planning grant progress: after much deliberation with Mass. Historic, the final RFQ was sent out to Commissioners for their review and approval. This document determines the scope of work for the consultant to be hired, so it needs GHC approval. Margo read aloud the primary scope. There was a formal motion to approve the documents, with unanimous approval by all present.
- Community Preservation Committee: John has formally stepped down, and David Brock has taken the Historic Commission position on the CPC. MJ mentioned that there is a CPC public hearing Thurs. 7/27/23 at JZ at 5:30 to review/discuss the 2024 Community Preservation Plan, to get input to help guide their 2024 grants. There was a general sense that historic projects be given greater support.
- Korean Church: has been sold to the YMCA. Unclear what will be done with it, but there may be a demolition permit applied for, and we will need to process that request. The MHC inventory form for the property states that the church, when located in the Quabbin area was guided by abolitionist minister, and has significance in that topic.
- Margo Jones was not forwarded the window replacement specifications for the Morgan-Allen House on Main Street as promised. She will contact Tom Guerino to check on this, but the windows have been installed.
- Hope Street armory: no demolition permit requested, although some work seems to be ongoing (dumpsters in front).

**New Business:**

- Cleary Jewelers inquired to John about their "historic" storefront and whether GHC could help them argue it should be preserved. John told them there was no precedent for saving unique, later storefronts, and that we couldn't help them.
- No demo. Permits applied for this month.

The session was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on August 3 at the Zon Center.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Jones, acting secretary.

