

Phippsburg Historic Preservation Commission

March 11, 2024

Present: Merry Chapin, Erika Cramer, Tom Hinkle, Charlotte Moore, Judy Mullins, Richard Spear, Helen Webb

Webber house: The owner of the Webber house, Tommy Giliam, wants to have the Historic Preservation Commission review done so that he can preserve the setbacks of the house. Helen has been doing research on the house at the Phippsburg Historical Society. Some of the existing research may be incorrect. Information suggests that the house was moved in the 1920s to its present site but photographs of the house in its present setting indicate that the house was in its present site in the 1800s. There were liens on the house in the depression. This house might be confused with the Fletcher house which was moved to its present location. Merry will get in touch with Carrie Gomes to see about a site visit by the Commission.

Cambridge ordinance information: Charlotte sent information about Cambridge's historic preservation ordinances including Cambridge's Neighborhood Conservation District program, which is less strict than an Historic District program and is controlled by the neighborhood itself. She wondered if it might be used as an alternative to historic district designation and could be paired with historic designation for individual historic properties.

Historic Preservation ordinance proposal: The Commission will work on the ordinance proposal. It will not be ready for submission to the Planning Board until after the next town meeting.

Calendar: Merry has been in contact with Dan Dowd about photo possibilities for the 2025 calendar.

CZA: Merry spoke about a CZA (Contract Zoning Agreement) before the Yarmouth Town Council and the concerns of neighbors to the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Merry Chapin

Commission secretary