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**Minutes**

**March 18, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera called the March 18, 2026, Historic Property Commission Special meeting to order at 5:07 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present were Historic Property Commissioner Robert Green, Historic Property Commissioner Erin King, Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera and Historic Property Commissioner Helen Nejfelt. Also in attendance via Zoom were Mary Dunne, Municipal Preservation Services and Grants Coordinator, Connecticut Economic and Community Development (CECD), Daryn Reyman-Lock, Historic Resource Inventory Consultant, and Vance Taylor, Plymouth Economic Development Consultant.

**Fire Exit Notification**

Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera noted the Fire Exits for the Historic Property Commissioners and the Public Audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera led the Historic Property Commissioners and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

Steve Courtney, Union Street, Terryville, stated he works at the Mark Twain House and volunteers in the Curator Department and that is how he knows Daryn Reyman-Lock. He further stated it was nice to meet the Historic Property Commissioners.

**Presentation of Historic Resource Inventory Results by Daryn Reyman-Lock**

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated that the Historic Resource Inventory was submitted to the Historic Property Commission last year. She further stated that she ended up inventorying 157 properties to make sure it was as inclusive as possible, which is even more than adequate representation of the properties within the survey area of Pequabuck. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated that she fulfilled what the Historic Property Commissioners wanted, which was to look at industrial buildings and industrial associated buildings, noting she found a lot of mill housing and workers housing that is nicely grouped together. She further stated the grouping is good for State or Local designation and in some cases, the National Historic District listing.

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### **Presentation of Historic Resource Inventory Results by Daryn Reyman-Lock Cont'd.**

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated that she wanted to thank Historic Property Commissioner Erin King for chauffeuring her around.

Historic Property Commissioner Erin King stated she and Daryn Reyman-Lock found both ends of the Mile Long Tunnel but did not go all the way through it.

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated that she will be coming back to Plymouth to do a Public PowerPoint Presentation of the Historic Resource Inventory Report she compiled. She further stated that she was present this evening to provide the summarization of her report and to answer any questions the Historic Property Commissioners might have. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated there were a couple of places she would strongly suggest the Historic Property Commission look at designating either locally or through the State. She further stated she would also look at the East Plymouth National Register District and try to expand it by bringing it up to current scholarship practice because she felt that there were things that were outside the boundaries of what had been designated that should be included.

When questioned by Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera, Daryn Reyman-Lock stated her recommendations to the Historic Property Commission were included in her Historic Resource Inventory Report. She further stated she would send the recommendations separately to Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera, as well.

When questioned by Daryn Reyman-Lock, Mary Dunne, Municipal Preservation Services and Grants Coordinator, Connecticut Economic and Community Development (CECD) stated she can assist with the printing of the Historic Resource Inventory Report, noting she has coordinated printing in the past with other municipalities. Mary Dunne stated the printing can be done through their own printing office or the cost of printing will be given to Plymouth through funding. Mary Dunne stated Vance Taylor should contact her with this request.

When questioned by Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera, Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she had found some interesting properties that she felt were unusual. She further stated one of these properties would be the railroad depot and the railroad associated buildings around the Cooper Thermometer Company. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated they're not usually preserved in groups like that so much and this was a really cool find. She further stated that she would look into designating those and work with the owner(s), noting the building is occupied by multiple people now.

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she also found what she considers to be a beautiful Italianate style architecture house at 6 Meridian Street, which is in beautiful condition and has a history. She further stated it was owned by an early merchant, noting he built it and that it still looks the same.

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**Presentation of Historic Resource Inventory Results by Daryn Reyman-Lock Cont'd.**

Daryn Reyman-Lock noted it would be good if the Historic Property Commission could get this building State designated because it needs a little bit of maintenance and the State Tax Credit Program could really help whoever takes ownership of it. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated the first step in a lot of this work is to do the Public PowerPoint Presentation and get people more familiar with the State Tax Credit Program and what State designation verses National and Local designation does and does not do. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she had encountered a couple of homeowners who were asking about it, noting the State National Register doesn't really put restrictions on the owner. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated the roadside at the top of Merian Street, on South Riverside, is really cool, noting the building is a liquor/tattoo shop. She further stated it is a cool piece of architecture and is really significant in terms of roadside architecture and that phase of development.

Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera stated that he had taken pictures of houses during the first Historic Resource Inventory, noting that he had explained to one homeowner about the work the Historic Property Commissioner was doing but the homeowner couldn't wait and vinyl sided the home, which broke his heart.

Historic Property Commissioner Bob Green stated the presentation could be given during a Town Council meeting and put on as an agenda item.

Daryn Reyman-Lock recommended having Preservation CT Circuit Rider Stacy Vairo present at the Town Council meeting.

Historic Property Commissioner Erin King stated having the presentation at a Town Council meeting would bring in a good audience and attention.

When questioned by Historic Property Commissioner Bob Green, Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she included the structure near the railroad crossing in Pequabuck that had the waterspout coming out of it. She further stated that she called it a spring spout and numbered it as #156 in her report.

Noting Town Councilman Joe Green had raised the concern that the Historic Resource Inventory Report could end up on a shelf, Vance Taylor questioned what could be done after the presentation in order to get together with the public to discuss the opportunities for restoring and rehabilitating their properties.

Daryn Reyman-Lock noted the State has some very good digestible pages of what each of the tax credits which can be a handout for walk-in's and be posted on the Town website to make it easily accessible to anyone interested. She further stated a small packet could also be put together that would explain what Local, National and State designation is, as well as what an Historic Resource Inventory is, enabling people to better understand what these reports are meant to do and not do.

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### **Presentation of Historic Resource Inventory Results by Daryn Reyman-Lock Cont'd.**

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated the next step is to get out there and ensure we are fostering relationships with the people who own designated homes and also in places that could be designated and making sure we are raising awareness for these other opportunities to help them preserve their historic structures.

When questioned by Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera, Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she had taken digital photos and some of them could be included in Preservation CT's presentation. She further stated that Preservation CT already has a PowerPoint Presentation for Historic Resource Inventories and she will coordinate with them. Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera stated this will help people to see for themselves what the houses look like and provide them with a better understanding of what the Historic Property Commission is currently looking at.

Historic Property Commissioner Erin King stated some sort of a handout, even a one pager, would be good, noting that interested people can take it with them because she suspects people will want to think about it and the handout will give them resources for their questions.

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she would print out the State Tax Credit Program and put additional information on the back of the paper and would also note that all of the information is online on the Town's Website.

When questioned by Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera, Mary Dunne stated she has State handouts which the Town residents could use and a benefit from. She further stated Erin Fink, Architectural Preservationist, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who runs the program has information that she can send, as well.

When questioned by Vance Taylor, Daryn Reyman-Lock stated she would recommend for right now that the Historic Property Commission focus on the designations, especially those that were already done and making sure the boundaries are still representative of what is there. She further stated that for East Plymouth, she would extend the boundaries and pull the scholarship up to a more modern day type of scholarship, noting the information on the history of this particular area is extremely thin in how they related to community development in the area. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated there was some information that she did not feel was 100 percent correct, so she would look into doing an update to that National Register in particular.

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated then she would look into possible designations of other things just to start getting the feel for preservation out to the public and briefly elaborated. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated that SHPO has Survey and Planning Grants that can help fund this project and recommended the Historic Property Commission look into them.

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When questioned by Historic Property Commissioner Helen Nejfelt, Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera stated the previous Historic Resource Inventory, done by Rachel Carly, will be combined with the current one done by Daryn Reyman-Lock, noting they will not be separated; it will be a total package to work with.

Historic Property Commissioner Erin King noted the current Historic Resource Inventory did reach up to the edge of where the previous one ended.

Daryn Reyman-Lock stated the information for the public session would be applicable to anyone in a historic district who is in a house that is over 50 years old plus.

Historic Property Commission Chairman Stephen Mindera stated he hoped the people from the first Historic Resource Inventory would be in attendance at the second presentation.

Historic Property Commissioner Erin King stated a resident who was a member of the America 250 Committee had told her the Committee was doing some work at Tory's Den and questioned how they could go about putting a plaque up in the parking lot designating the historic site. She further stated the resident had asked the Daughters of the American Revolution and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation however both groups had said they could not assist. Historic Property Commissioner Erin King stated she told the resident she would bring the question to the Historic Property Commission for their input.

Mary Dunne stated the Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant (HPEG) is a federal grant and they generally does not fund signage, but the Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) could fund this project if it is framed as an educational piece, i.e., identifying historical property, etc. Daryn Reyman-Lock stated Erin King could connect the group with Vance Taylor or Mary Dunne for assistance, noting the grant would have to be filled out and the group would need to hire a consultant and designer to write the grant and do the signage.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Historic Property Commission, Commissioner Erin King made a motion, seconded by Historic Property Commissioner Helen Nejfelt, to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Patricia A. Hale*

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Recording Secretary