



Historic District Study Committee | Town of Marion  
2 Spring Street  
Marion MA 02738

March 11, 2025

Meeting Minutes: Historic Study Committee Meeting

Police Dept. Meeting Space 5:30PM

Chairman Will Tifft Called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Meg Steinberg, Steve Swain, Margie Baldwin, Dan Crete, Jill Pitman, Merry Conway, Eric Dray

Guests: TJ Walker, John Hoagland, Scott Reinheart, Bill Rogerson

Meeting minutes from Feb. 7, 2023 were approved. Motion by Jill Pitman to approve the minutes. Margie Baldwin seconded the motion.

Will gave update on Green Community as it pertains to the Historic District. Eric spoke with Bob Grillo, the state and the AG to confirm that any building within a historic district recognized by the state as being historic is in fact, exempt from the Green Community mandates and therefore avoids many additional regulations.

Discussion began to finalize the district map and **remove Barden's Boat Yard and Hillers** commercial properties from the historic district map: Specific parcel #14-77A, #14-77B and #14-82. Since these properties are non-retail and marine industrial they are unique and subject to other regulation.

Therefore these business properties can be removed from the proposed Historic District.

Dan Crete proposed the motion to accept this change. Jill Pitman, second. Committee vote unanimously approved, (George Morton by proxy vote.)

#### Finalization and Results of Survey.

Due to the number of votes received and calculated discussion ensued on the results.

The survey provided the same results as it pertained to the level of interest in the initial survey of intent for the Historic District taken 18 months ago. There are a total of 204 properties in the proposed district. 97 responses were received

Total votes within the district resulted in 97 votes. 47 yes

44 no

6 maybe

The committee was very positive in the response. Therefore Will proposed we give the results to the select board with our recommendation to include the proposal of the Historic District Bylaw to the town

meeting warrant and take it to the town for a vote. Dan Crete made the motion and Merry Conway seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

Further discussion ensued regarding how to publicize the results of the survey.

-Meg Steinberg will write an article for the local newspapers

-Will to present results to the select board in writing.

Note: a subsequent review of the data resulted in separating survey votes from married couples to give each person a vote with the following result which was provided to the Select Board on 3/12:

| In-District Tallies     | Total<br>Y/N/M | per<br>property | per<br>family | Reg.<br>Voter |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Yes                     | 50             | 37              | 37            | 29            |
| No                      | 45             | 33              | 29            | 25            |
| Maybe                   | 6              | 5               | 5             | 2             |
| Total                   | 101            | 75              | 71            | 56            |
|                         |                |                 |               |               |
| Out of district Tallies | Total<br>Y/N/M |                 |               |               |
| Yes                     | 42             |                 |               |               |
| No                      | 6              |                 |               |               |
| Maybe                   | 0              |                 |               |               |
| Total                   | 48             |                 |               |               |

Next Public Hearing:

-Notice will be sent out to the property owners within the proposed Historic District inviting them to the final meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 -7:00 at the Music Hall. Letter to be sent/postmarked my Wednesday March 12.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Pitman

Note: Minutes approved at the April 2, 2025 Meeting as noted in the minutes for that meeting.