

TO: Massachusetts Historical Commission Members  
FROM: Brona Simon, Executive Director  
DATE: March 8, 2024  
RE: March 13, 2024 Commission Meeting DRAFT Agenda

The Massachusetts Historical Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in a remote meeting hosted on Zoom. The agenda will be as follows:

**1:00 Meeting Minutes (vote required)**

- a. February 14, 2024 Minutes

**1:05 Preservation Planning Division**

- 1. National Register Program (vote required), Ben Haley, National Register Director
  - a. Boston (Roxbury/Jamaica Plain) – Columbus Avenue and Bragdon Street Historic District\*
  - b. Clinton – Clinton Wire Cloth Company Historic District\*
  - c. Fall River – Home for Aged Persons
  - d. Lancaster – Eastwood Cemetery
  - e. Lancaster – Old Common Burial Ground
  - f. Worcester – J. R. Torrey Razor Co. and J. R. Torrey & Co. Manufacturing Facility

**1:35 Preservation Planning Division**

- 2. Local Historic District Preliminary Study Reports, (vote required), Jenn Doherty, Local Government Programs Coordinator
  - a. Boston (Charlestown) – Apollos Field House
  - b. Worcester – Ransom C. and Mary L. Taylor Estate Local Historic District
- 3. FY24 Survey and Planning Grant Awards (vote required), Michael Steinitz, Director, Preservation Planning Division

**2:15 Executive Director's Report**, Brona Simon, Executive Director

**2:25 New Business**

**2:30 Adjourn**

*\*If more than fifty percent of private property owners in a proposed National Register District object to listing, the nomination will not be included in the final agenda. Every property owner of record may comment and/or object to the proposed National Register Historic District in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 60. These regulations require that owner objections be notarized. However, Section 1746 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code provides a generally applicable alternative to these notarization requirements. Accordingly, the NPS must consider objections made under penalty of perjury consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to be valid objections, even if they are not notarized, if those objections otherwise comply with the requirements in the NPS's regulations. These objections must be counted as valid objections when determining whether a majority of private property owners have objected to listing a property in the National Register. Please contact MHC staff for instructions on submitting a comment or objection.*