



## TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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# HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION – MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

South Kingstown Town Hall, Planning Department Office, 180 High St., Wakefield, RI

**NO OPTION FOR REMOTE VIEWING OR PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING.**

The Public Is Invited To Attend & Participate In-Person Or To Submit Written Comments Before The Meeting.

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### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Murray Gates, Chair

David Hill, V.Chair

Linda Stedman, Sec.

Richard Youngken

David Nedwidek

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### AGENDA ITEMS

*The Historic District Commission may discuss and/or act upon each item appearing on this agenda.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** [8/24/2023 Draft Minutes](#)

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. *ARPA Sign, Wayfinding and Façade Programs* – Discussion of ideas for and status of various ARPA programs for improving signage and building facades. [M.Gates Discussion Document](#)

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. *Professional Support for Matunuck Historic Resources Survey* – Discussion on developing a Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications to solicit professional assistance to conduct a survey of historic resources in Matunuck under the RIHPHC grant. [CLG Grant Proposal](#)
- b. *Tax Relief for Historic Preservation Work* - Possible discussion of tax relief for owners of historic residences who perform substantial maintenance or rehabilitation work per RIGL § 44-4.1. [Historic Rehab Tax Relief RIGL-44-41](#); [Staff Overview](#); [R.Youngken Overview](#); [R.Youngken Ordinance Outline Ideas](#); [Narragansett Tax Credit Ordinance](#); [Cumberland Tax Credit Ordinance](#); [N. Smithfield Tax Credit Application](#)
- c. *HDC Name / Creation of Preservation Committee* – Discussion and possible action on creating a parallel town advisory board to promote the preservation of historic resources not located in a regulated historic district.
- d. *Rodman Cemetery* – Update discussion regarding cemetery maintenance.
- e. *2021 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Action Status* – Discussion of status of implementation actions relating to Historic & Cultural Resource element of 2021 Comprehensive Plan. [Comp Plan Scorecard Tracking](#)

**6. CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**7. UPDATE FROM STAFF ON PLANNING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:**

- a. *Update on Meeting with Planning Board*
- b. *Town Meeting with Board Chairs* - [9/22/2023 Email to Organize Meeting of Board Chairs](#)

**8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE & POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS:** Discussion and possible action to reschedule the October meeting due to a staff conflict with a Planning Board meeting and to set a date for a November-December meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**