

Patricia Gailes  
May 13, 2024

**Dighton Historical Commission  
Special Meeting  
Dighton Police Station Conference Room  
1458 Somerset Ave.  
Minutes of April 25, 2024**

Present: Pat Gailes, Rafa Delfin, Zach Caron, Irene Allies

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

Reviewed and discussed the letter from Ben Haley, National Register Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The MHC is of the opinion that the Mount Hope Finishing Company village is eligible for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places. Properties that may have been moved or were not included in the survey need to be identified for possible inclusion. Questions were how to identify these properties that may have been moved and are they added through the continuation survey forms. Resources for possible answers – Stacy Spies and the town building inspector, Jim Aguiar.

Zach Caron shared online information on Mt. Hope Finishing Company from the American Textile Museum Collections.

Reviewed and discussed the Brick Area survey form. Questions asked were:

Why exclude the Hathaway cemetery?

Range of significance for the area – MHC versus the range provided by S. Spies.

Definition of contiguous vs. discontiguous in possible historic districts.

Based on the information we have, what would it take to get the South Dighton area form Eligible?

Pat Gailes will invite Stacy Spies to the next Commission meeting to discuss these questions. Questions will be forwarded to S. Spies.

No motions or votes were taken at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.