

August 10, 2021

In attendance: James Clarke, Chair  
Cathy Torrey  
Mark Schneider  
Mike Murphy  
Kerri Donnelly  
Dennis Sullivan  
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner  
Maura Ziegler, Recording Secretary

Meeting opened 7:00 PM

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Minutes 3/30/2021

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A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dennis Sullivan, and seconded by Mike Murphy. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Development Update

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**163 Front Street** Four lot sub-division; Existing home plus 3 new

This property is part of the Front Street National Register District. Jim noted that the drainage basin impacts the streetscape integrity. Jim mentioned moving some required trees to the edge of the street in front of the basin. Eric stated that the home is sold, the new owner is in agreement, and will do significant landscaping. The split rail fence is not needed. The depression is on private property with an easement. Off to the left is a wall and matching stone will be added preserving the integrity. Two granite posts will be put back to frame the road.

**46 Pleasant Street**

Eric stated that the property was purchased with intent of a sober home under Dover Amendment.

This property is on the Demolition Delay list.

Intention is to reuse main house, but not barn and breezeway that are not structurally sound. They want to add an addition where the barn is now.

This is a gray area on Demo Delay Ordinance. It would make sense to delay and go through a hearing. House is approx. 1880's era.

Jim noted that the restoration could use some Queen Anne era appropriate details.

**88 Pleasant Street**

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A letter will be going out from the Planning Office this week regard the facade changes.

**Wharf Street Mono-pole**

Temporary six month permit. Pope Tower will handle the relocation site.

**Washington Street:**

There are 270 units under review on Bristol Brothers land behind Easter's Restaurant. Permits are still required.

Town Clerk Vault Record Review

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Kerri Donnelly is taking the lead on this project to organize and digitize records. Stuff needs to be cleared out to make room to work. Then make a listing of the items on the shelving as a start. Non-vault items and duplicates will be removed to free up space.

Kerri is looking at Ancestry.com and Mormon.org for free archival services. Kerri said the Commonwealth Internet Archive at BPL has a program to digitize for free, or a certain amount, on-line and open access. Work will be identified to secure the Vault to minimize mold, water and damage to make sure it is archival quality.

Cathy Torrey asked can we use CPC funds for archival boxes, etc.? BPL was looking to do historical records restoration and digitization.

Mark Schneider thinks this is way too much to accomplish this alone. Kerri responded that this is just planning, maybe we can get interns from Simmons College, library staff to oversee, find funds or grants to pay archivist to do the project. This is to plan and get the scope of the project and how to get it done.

The largest challenge is temporary storage of voting items and get rid of overstock.

Cathy asked who would apply for grants? This commission could, but we should check with Rob at the Library regarding grants.

Historic Plaque Application

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**59 Summer Street**

The phone number on file is inaccurate. Eric and Monica will be sending a letter and/or email to the address on the application. Jim left messages with no response.

Lecture Series Report

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Mark Schneider stated that Weymouth 400 posted on Instagram and on Facebook. Register on the Library web site if you plan to attend.

There will be two or three lectures in the Spring, Tim Orwig on the restoration of the birthplace of Abigail Adams, Michelle Coughlin on Abigail Adams in Weymouth and a panel discussion on historical organizations.

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In the fall of 2022, John West, from Weymouth England, will be doing a concert. The Company Theater in Norwell is looking at a video sample from him. They will handle the venue and tickets, we will help with promotion Nick Bunker, from England, will speak on the early settlers and a Maria Weston Chapman interpreter will also be scheduled in the fall. WETC will air some promos and press releases for the lectures.

#### CPC Report

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CPC has not met since our last meeting. First Church in the process of soliciting bids for the exterior work(This is not a formal bid process, just getting quotes). It was requested to get a copy of the specs.

#### Elmer Donnelly Plaque update

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Mike Murphy stated that the stone is being donated, but not delivered yet. The spot has been approved at the Emery Estate. The Rotary is being solicited and may be willing to assist in funding. There is no dedication date at this time.

#### Wessagussett Storyboard installation report

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Mark Schneider stated that everything is finished and are waiting to hear from DPW for installation. There are three storyboards, and an event should happen including the Mayor, the Massachusetts Tribe, the Historical Commission, and the North Weymouth Civic Association. Jim will contact DPW to get an install date so we can plan the event before we have cold weather.

#### Work Program

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Demo Delay list update: Jim would like to see the list updated, as there are buildings in the National Register Districts that are not on the list that should be.

Dennis Sullivan has volunteered to compare the two lists and get the information to the staff.

The commission discussed the feasibility of adding additional restrictions to houses within the historic districts.

#### Historic Project funding

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Jim Clarke met with the mayor to look at historic project funding to assist with projects:

- Identifying signage for National Register Districts
- Town Cemetery improvements with DPW (Debbie Sullivan, Cemetery Committee & Bob Feldman, DPW)
- Abigail Adams Birthplace curb cut for handicapped access (done!)
- Birthplace to gravestones better access by a North Street crosswalk and walkway
- North Branch Library is closed and shouldn't be sold. We have requested input and review of the final RFP

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- Emery Estate. Cathy reviewed the work of the committee and the status of the building. She encouraged the commission to be more active in determining the future of the building.

Other Business

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Jim Clarke, spoke with Rob McLean, regarding the Susan Torrey Merritt painting. He was going to ask for approval of funding, for WestonGraphics to produce the archival 24 x 28 print and frame it. The cost is about \$500. We will put this measure off for the moment.

Annual Report

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Mike Murphy made a motion to accept the Annual Report and it was seconded by Dennis Sullivan. All were in favor of the vote.

16mm film conversion

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The 16 mm film, Eric said it is overdue, it was due on August 6<sup>th</sup>. He has been there twice since and has been told he will get a text when it's ready. Hopefully, next meeting we can watch it!


Next Meeting

September 21, 2021 at 7 PM

Adjournment

Meeting at 8:00 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Sullivan and Cathy Torrey seconded. All were in favor, none in opposition.



James F. Clarke, chair

10/19/21

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