

**Weymouth Historical Commission  
Record of Minutes and Proceedings**

**October 16, 2018  
Kelly Room – Weymouth Town Hall  
75 Middle Street  
Weymouth, MA  
7:00 PM**

Members Present:    Ed Walker, Chair  
                             Rod Lundin, Vice-Chair  
                             Mike Murphy  
                             Cathy Torrey  
                             Mark Schneider  
                             Jenn Weiss Donovan  
                             Jim Clarke

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Ed Walker

**Minutes:**

September 13 meeting minutes were discussed, it was noted that there are some minor corrections required before going to record. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Reports:**

Committee Member Mark Schneider reported on the Weymouth, England (sister city) trip. The group met at a historical fort/museum, shared 400<sup>th</sup> celebration ideas, and discussed the origins of people who established Weymouth, MA. Committee Member Jim Clarke reported on the letter presented by the Mayor of Weymouth, Ma. to the Mayor of Weymouth, England. The groups will keep working on cross connection and sharing of information.

**Old Business:**

400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Weymouth

It was noted that there is one remaining Civil War Series lecture upcoming as part of the kickoff to 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Four additional lecture series are also planned as well as several social events and fundraisers for next year. Weymouth 400<sup>th</sup> is also making appearances at events such as Pumpkin Give-A-Wey, sports tournaments, and Christmas in Columbian Square. The website is: *Weymouth400.org*

Painting at Jefferson School

The project is expected to commence August 2019.

### Pratt House

The historic Pratt House at the intersection of Pleasant St and Libbey Pkwy was discussed. There has not very much recent activity, the plans are still in development and the project is considered a “work in progress”.

### **New Business:**

#### Update on Historic Plaque at Fore River Bridge

The Mayor and Town Council have expressed great interest in participation at the plaque dedication. Chair Ed Walker shared a visual update on the poster/graphic for the plaque. At this time, there is no additional information to share regarding details for the dedication event.

#### Status of Historic Items at Tufts Library

As Tufts Library prepares to close for reconstruction project, there was discussion about historic items under control of the Historical Commission residing at Tufts. The canoe shall be transported in its case to Pratt Library. The murals, of which there are 6 and were done circa 1966, are too large for the new library and have been digitized. Committee Member Mike Murphy suggested that it might be appropriate to investigate mural redisplay at Weymouth High School. A wooden voting box and other items, were tagged to move to another secure location, to be determined. Some of these items may be allowed to be eligible to be loaned out for temporary use, to be returned to Weymouth Historical Commission. Committee Member Jim Clarke proposed that any items to be considered for loan would require a letter of formal request and intent to return, by the borrowing entity.

### **Nomination and Vote on Officers for 2019:**

Chair Ed Walker shared a heartfelt expression of thanks on the culmination of his time as Commission Chair, while reminiscing about his experiences during his 8 year term.

- Nominations were made and votes recorded for Committee Chair: Mike Murphy nominated Rod Lundin; Cathy Torrey nominated Jim Clarke; the vote resulted in election of Jim Clarke as Committee Chair for 2019, four votes to three.
- Nominations were made and votes recorded for Committee Vice-Chair: Jenn Weiss Donovan nominated Cathy Torrey, she ran unopposed; the vote resulted in election of Cathy Torrey as Committee Vice-Chair for 2019.
- A motion was made by Cathy Torrey to name Jenn Weiss Donovan as Recording Secretary; Mark Schneider seconded the motion; a majority favor was recorded. It was also subsequently agreed that in the event that Committee Member Donovan cannot attend a meeting, Committee Member Schneider will act as recording secretary for that particular meeting.

### **Announcements:**

None

### **Next Meeting:**

A motion was made by Jim Clarke for no meeting of the Historical Commission to be held in November, the motion was seconded by Cathy Torrey, a majority favor was recorded. The next meeting will be scheduled for December 11, 2018 at the Weymouth Town Hall Kelly Room, 7:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm with a motion by Mark Schneider, second by Cathy Torrey.

  
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Edward Walker, Chairman

12/11/2018  
Date