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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2022  
TUFTS LIBRARY - 7:00 PM

Present: James Clarke, Kerry Donnelly, Cathy Torrey, Jennifer Donovan, Dennis Sullivan, Mike Murphy, Mark Schneider

1. Minutes - Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and stated that the minutes from March 15, 2022 were up for review. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mike, seconded by Kerri. Voted approval unanimously.
2. Public Hearing - 46 Pleasant Street. A motion to reopen the hearing was made by Cathy, seconded by Mike. Voted unanimously. Jim asked Ben Atlas, architect for the applicant, to explain the changes and new material presented. Ben passed out plans of the building and a site plan. He stated that a turret has been added to the building and an oval window has been added to the second floor over the front entrance. The turret design fits better with the building. Ben discussed the site plan, pointing out the two access points and the heavy landscaping on the rear portion of the lot. He noted that the front access had to be retained due to easement rights of the abutter.  
Mike commented that he liked the turret design. Cathy and Kerri were pleased to see the extensive landscaping. Jim asked if both access points were ingress/egress. Ben noted that they were. Jenn asked if the bathroom in the basement was HP accessible. Ben stated that he needed to review the regulations. Jim stated that commission's questions appeared to be addressed. Mike made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Cathy. Voted unanimously.  
Mike made a motion to accept the plans as submitted and release the applicant from any further hold under the demolition delay ordinance, seconded by Cathy. Voted unanimously.
3. Town Clerk Vault. Jim stated that the Town Clerk had submitted an application to the State Archives for the the Roving Archivist Program. Dr. John Warner, state archivist, was meeting with the clerk this Wednesday to review the application. Jim said that he would attend the

meeting.

4. Lecture Series. Mark reviewed the dates, topics, and speakers for the spring lecture series. He also stated that the speakers for the fall series were set but not the lecture dates. Mike noted the the Historical Society distributed lecture flyers at their annual meeting.
5. Newsletter. Kerri reviewed the composition of the newsletter, trying to have a good mix of articles and pictures. She noted that we need to add email addresses so the newsletter can be distributed. Jim noted that future lecture series signups will have the option to sign up for the newsletter. We can also put notices on the town web site for folks to signup. Mark, Cathy and all commission members commented on how pleased they were with the first newsletter and what a great job Kerri had done putting it together. Members stated that all elected and appointed officials should be sent a copy. Jim stated that he and Kerri would meet with Eric and review the logistics of getting the newsletter out. The plan is to publish in the first week of May.
6. North Weymouth Historic Trolley Tour. Jim reported that for the Weymouth 400 North Weymouth Day on July 9 there would be trolley tours of three historic sites. The sites are the Wessagusset Wetlands and Woodlands Park, Abigail Adams Birthplace/ Civil War Monument, and Webb State Park. Speakers will be at each site and on the trolleys. Mark and Mike are speakers and Jim hopes other members will volunteer to assist. Kerri said that she might be able to help. The commission has not received any request to assist for the other village days events.
7. Development Update. There was no update but Jim said that he would again ask Eric to see if a tour of the Francer building could be arranged.
8. Community Preservation Committee. Cathy reported that there had been no meetings since the last report.
9. Cemetery Commission. Jim stated that the four major cemeteries had all had dead and overgrown trees removed. Ashwood Cemetery has had new fencing installed and the entrance gates have been repaired and reset. It was hoped that the Cemetery Commission would inventory work to be done to repair broken and fallen gravestones.
10. Emery Estate. Jim stated that he had forwarded an email from Leilani Dalpe, town grant writer, to the members that discussed efforts to get grants to repair the house. Cathy expressed a concern for the building and future use. At Mark's suggestion, members agreed to invite Leilani to our net meeting to get more details on the condition of the building and its future use.

11. Other business. Mike stated that the Elmer Donnelly stone and storyboard dedication would be held on Saturday, May 28 from 10:30 to 12:30. Several Donnelly relatives are coming some distance to attend the event.

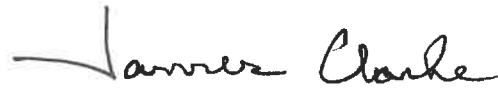
The commission agreed to hold the Chet Kevitt award event at the June meeting.

Jim reported that there was no news to report on Heritage Park.

Jim stated that he would check with Eric on who requested a hearing on the Demolition Delay inclusion list.

12. Next meeting will be May 17.

13. Adjournment. Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM and Mark seconded. Voted unanimously.



James Clarke, Chair

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Date