

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
April 9th, 2012 Meeting  
Francis Kelly Room/Weymouth Town Hall

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PRESENT: Chairman Ed Walker, Mary Dorey and Rodney Lundin

ABSENT: Ted Clarke, Jody Purdy-Quinlan and Don Mathewson

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Clarke/Director of Planning and Community Development  
Jody Lehrer/Community Development Coordinator, Office of Planning  
and Community Development

As there was not a quorum present for this evening's meeting, the Chairman and the members participated in a 'work session', discussing items on the agenda that did not call for a vote.

Minutes will be addressed at the next meeting.

#### Reports - Town Liaison

##### Chester Kevitt Award Update

Names for the recipients of the Chester Kevitt Award were addressed. Members were in favor of making the presentation of the award at the same time the house plaques will be presented.

At this point the main concern was the vote for a recipient of this award, which was needed as soon as possible if they were to have the plaque engraved in time for the award ceremonies, which were proposed for June. This date would also need to be finalized.

##### House Plaques Status

In reference to the plaques, Ms. Lehrer recapped the list of Weymouth homeowners who would be invited to the historical house plaque presentation and they included the following:

- Joe Amarosa
- Frank Amarosa
- Mike and Kathleen Curran
- George Curtis and Deanna Yameen
- Herve Dybaud
- Dennis and Barbara Flemming
- John and Theresa Heney
- Greg & Pat Hoeft
- Albert and Ann LaFrance
- Jan Gildea
- The First Church
- The Delorey House

- Josiah Reed

Members then discussed the names of candidates for the Chester Kevitt Award.

Ms. Lehrer informed the Commission that Jim Clarke would like to see Fire Lt. Michael Crowley considered, adding that he has written many articles on the history of Weymouth.

Chairman Walker suggested Phil Smith, past member of the Commission who made many contributions regarding the history of Weymouth – including his participation in the recent Civil War lectures.

It was noted that since we did not have an award last year, possibly they could do two this year.

There was discussion of a telephone vote re. the Chester Kevitt Award recipient (which had been done in the past when time was an issue), but holding a special meeting for the vote was preferred.

### **New Business**

#### **House Plaques (age of house requirement change from 100 to 50 years?)**

Members also discussed reducing the amount of years to qualify for a house plaque – to possibly to 50 years or 75 years, but Mr. Lundin and Ms. Dorey were in favor of remaining with 100 years.

Ms. Lehrer stated that she planned on sending out an informational letter regarding the criteria/availability of historical house plaques to homeowners in the Sea Street historical district and the Central Square historical district (other historical districts include Weymouth Landing/Front Street, Meeting House) - to see if they qualify and would be interested in the program.

Mr. Lundin noted that he lives at 189 Sea Street.

Ms. Lehrer wanted to point out that applications for the plaques are available on line.

In regard to the formal presentation, Ms. Lehrer said that she would call and invite the Weymouth News to the event.

At this point it was agreed that the Chairman would call a special meeting for Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to present this award, along with the historical plaque presentations.

A brief discussion took place regarding the importance of members attending the monthly meetings. It was decided that for the advise the Chairman/Ms. Lehrer as soon as possible – so that the meeting can be rescheduled if there will not be a majority present.

Ms. Lehrer reminded members that an official vote of the Commission would be needed re. Chester Kevitt Award before the order for the plaque could be placed with Joe Cushman's – and that lead time would be necessary in order to get it in time for the presentation ceremonies.

In discussing names of possible recipients of the Chester Kevitt Award the following names were suggested:

- Bill Mathewson

- Fire Lt. Mike Crowley
- Phil Smith

Mr. Jim Clarke, who had been at a previous meeting, stated that he preferred one recipient for this award (instead of possibly giving out two awards this year in lieu of missing last year).

Mr. J. Clarke was looking for volunteers to help with the display case at Town Hall.

Chairman Walker said he would like to see one relating to the Emery Estate, offering to help with it, but would also like some volunteers to help with it.

Ms. Lehrer noted that the next meeting on the disposition of the Emery Estate was scheduled for 4/25.

With regard to the historical plaque presentation (possibly 14), it was suggested the media be advised/invited. Additionally refreshments were discussed, possibly a cheese/cracker reception).

#### **CLAPP MEMORIAL UPDATE**

Ms. Lehrer informed members the John Deedy was the Clapp Memorial developer and he will be holding an Open House. She informed members that the proposal called for 24 units that will be selling at market rate, adding that a zoning change will be necessary.

Chairman Walker commented that the building sold for a little over \$500,000.

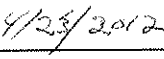
#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next 'special' meeting will take place on Monday, April 23rd, 2012.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The work session adjourned at 7:45 PM.

  
Ed Walker, Chairman, WHC

  
Date

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan DeChristoforo  
Recording Secretary