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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2023
TUFTS LIBRARY - 7:00 PM

Present: Jim Clarke, Mike Murphy, Dennnis Sullivan, Kerri Donnelly, Jenn Donovan, Cathy Torrey

Staff: Eric Schneider

1. Minutes - Jim called the meeting to order at 7PM. A motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Jenn, to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes. So voted with Mike abstaining.
2. Historic House Signs - Eric reported that Brian from the School Dept. would have a sign ready for inspection by the end of the week.
3. Newsletter - Kerri said the March newsletter was in production but that we need more members to prepare articles for future newsletters. Cathy mentioned a possible story on the library acquiring an Abigail Adams letter.
4. Emery Estate - Jim reported that Leilani Dalpe from the Mayor's Office was preparing a grant to do exterior repairs to the building under the state Destination Development Capitol Grant Program and was looking for a letter of support. Mike mentioned the possible use of CPC funds for the work. Cathy stated that the Mayor does not want the building to be used for function space. Jenn brought up the need for ADA upgrades. Jim said that Leilani could do a draft of the letter.
A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Cathy, to approve submitting a letter in support of the application. So voted unanimously.
5. Chester Kevitt Award - Several people were suggested for the award. There was discussion regarding eligibility and whether town employees could be approved. Jim stated that only current commission members are excluded from consideration. Kerri suggested that material be prepared for the members to consider. Further discussion was tabled until the March meeting.
6. Development Update - Eric noted that the pilot house on Commercial Street was being taken down and others stated that it was down. He said that the first tenants for the Francer Building

should be moving into apartments on April 1. Eric mentioned that the incinerator was down and the building at former bank site on Pleasant Street was proceeding.

7. CPC - Cathy stated that the annual budget presentation was made at the last meeting. Jim requested that the commission support the Town Clerk's Office request to restore a Weymouth map from 1853 that was donated by David Bristol. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Kerri, to support the application to the CPC. So voted unanimously.

8. Meeting House District Banners. Jim stated that the First Church was planning multiple events to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the church. They plan to have two walking tours of the district, one for members in the spring and another open to the public in the fall. Jim had discussed the street banners with the Mayor and the Mayor was working on getting them funded. Jim presented a rough idea of a possible design for the banners.

9. Other Business - Cathy reported that the library and Abigail Adams Historical Society were sponsoring two lectures for women's month in March. They are two postponed lectures from the history series by Michelle Coughlin and Laura Rocklyn. Jim expressed disappointment that the commission had not been asked to cosponsor the event.

Mike mentioned that his students were using Google maps to identify historic locations in the town. He will send a link to the commission for review.

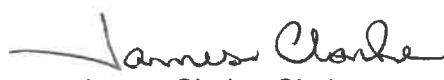
Jim reminded Mike about seeing if a student could use their Capstone project to enhance the Kevitt Award web site.

Jim said that we are waiting to reschedule the Town Clerk vault site visit with the State Archives. Jim reported that he and Cathy met with Leilani regarding the Emery Estate and she stated that a committee would be formed to evaluate a possible museum at the site. Jenn mentioned that she would be interested in being on the committee.

Jim reported that he and Cathy presented the "Abolitionist's Picnic" painting to the Chapman School. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and the Principal were there to accept it.

10. Next Meeting - March 21, 2023.

11. Adjournment - Dennis made a motion to adjourn at 8PM, seconded by Cathy. So voted unanimously.


James Clarke, Chair

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Date