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## WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 23, 2020

King Oak Hill Park Pavilion

Emery Lane, Weymouth

### MINUTES

PRESENT: Jim Clarke, Chair; Jenn Weiss-Donovan; Mark Schneider; Mike Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Schneider, Principal Planner

NOT PRESENT: Cathy Torrey

Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

MINUTES - The minutes of 1/21/2020 were reviewed. Jenn Weiss-Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Murphy and unanimously voted.

CHET KEVITT NOMINATION - Jim Clarke stated that the award would be presented in the fall. Mark Schneider made a motion to nominate Edward Walker, a long time member of the commission and recent chair. Mike Murphy seconded the nomination, noting Ed's volunteer efforts with the Weymouth Historical Society. Jim Clarke said Ed spent much time advocating for the proper preservation of the dugout canoe. The motion was called and voted unanimously.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - Jim Clarke stated that the First Church is looking to apply for funding to try to restore the exterior of the church to its original appearance. The Planning Office suggested at an on site meeting that the church apply first apply for funds to assess how best to approach the project. Mike Murphy wants to make sure that wood siding is used to restore the exterior. Jim Clarke stated that this application will move forward in the fall.

HISTORIC SIGN PROGRAM - Jim Clarke stated that a letter advertising the sign program would be prepared for the Central Square Historic District in the fall.

TOWN CLERK DOCUMENT REVIEW - This is on hold based on the Covid-19 situation.

CHAPMAN SCHOOL - Members attended a walkthrough of the building with the School Superintendent on June 3. It was noted that any signage or artifacts had been removed and stored. The superintendent stated that the intent is to rename similar locations in the new building.

LIBRARY OPENING - The new main library is now scheduled to be opened in the fall. Jim Clarke stated that he hoped that we could still do an event regarding the branches but that it would not be tied into the library reopening. Commission members discussed the history room

and the role of the commission in reviewing or preparing exhibits for the space. Mike Murphy said that the commission should play a role in preparing rotating exhibits. Jim Clarke stated that he hopes to meet with Rob MacLean and Cathy Torrey to discuss this issue.

BUDGET - Eric Schneider reported that the budget for the new fiscal year is \$1,500, down from \$3,000 during this year.

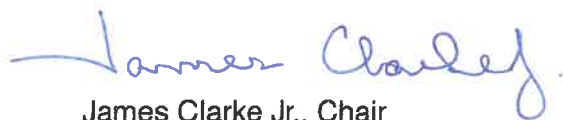
OTHER BUSINESS - The Wessagussett signage is moving forward under the direction of the Park Department. Mark Schneider stated that is book is done, the maps are being prepared, and the library will publish the book.

Mike Murphy stated that the recognition for Elmer Donnelly, Merchant Marine medal recipient, is moving forward. A stone will be placed at the Emery Estate, location to be determined.

Jim Clarke stated that we still need to determine our role vis-a-vis Weymouth 400. He also hopes that we will have new members in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Mark Schneider, seconded by Mike Murphy to adjourn at 5:30, voted unanimously.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Clarke Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Clarke Jr., Chair

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