

**WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**October 15, 2019**

**Kelly Room**

**75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA**

**MINUTES**

2020 NOV 16 AM 11:35

**PRESENT:**

James Clarke  
Mark Schneider  
Mike Murphy  
Cathy Torrey  
Jenn Weiss-Donovan

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Eric Schneider, Principal Planner  
Christine Malloy, Recording Secretary

Chairman Clarke called the Weymouth Historical Commission meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**MINUTES**

The June 12, 2019 minutes were approved on a motion by Cathy Torrey, seconded by Mike Murphy. The September 10, 2019 minutes were approved by a motion by Cathy Torrey, seconded by Mike Murphy.

**PRATT HOUSE – update**

No new update.

**ELMER DONNELLY REPORT**

Mr. Murphy reported that the Memorial Committee will review the proposal on 10/28.

**WEYMOUTH EARLY HISTORY – update**

Chairman Clarke asked Mark Schneider for an update. Mark Schneider stated he is working with Andrew Hultin on having a new sign(s) made. Chairman Clarke stated are you at a point where you want the committee to vote and decide on what the artwork should depict? Mark Schneider stated no. He would like to do more research and he will get back to the committee.

Chairman Clarke stated that we need to be sensitive to how the sign is worded.

Mr. Mark Schneider stated the library is publishing his book and hopefully it will be out in September 2020.

#### **WEYMOUTH 400 – update**

Ms. Torrey stated she has not attended any meetings as a board member or director this summer. The direction the group seems to be taking is one of a fund-raising group. She plans to resign. Chris Hannan has also resigned. Commission members noted that they should be looking at sponsoring historical events for Weymouth 400.

#### **NEW LIBRARY – pre opening events**

Chairman Clarke stated he has spoken with Rob MacLean, Director of Libraries regarding the idea of three separate events at each branch highlighting each branch and how it was built; funded, where it's located and when it was built. Each event will have lighting on the exterior with a walking tour highlighting the exterior of the buildings.

Chairman Clarke and Ms. Torrey would like to form a subcommittee along with the trustees of the library. This group will contain members of the Weymouth Historical Commission and Trustees of the Library. Additionally, the group should try to get an art student (from Weymouth High School) or college student from a nearby college to help design the exterior lighting displays.

Mr. Murphy stated he will ask at the high school (teachers in the art department).

Ms. Weiss-Donovan stated she will speak to her son and her scout troops regarding the lighting project.

#### **HISTORIC WEYMOUTH – documents donation**

Chairman Clarke stated he would like to send a letter of recognition for the donation of historic Weymouth documents to Ms. Donna Harrington. It was unanimously agreed to send a letter of appreciation for the donated materials.

Mr. Murphy asked where will the materials be housed. Mr. Clarke stated they will sit with Rob MacLean and he will ask where he would like them to go. Mr. MacLean is in the process of digitizing everything of a historic nature at the library.

Chairman Clarke stated he will ask Eric Schneider to make an itemized inventory of items in the donation.

## **WEYMOUTH DOCUMENT PRESERVATION – review options**

Chairman Clarke stated he had a nice conversation with Town Clerk, Kathy Deree. Ms. Deree is in favor of getting documents digitized.

Also present at the meeting were: Alexandra Rollins and Elizabeth Morse. Ms. Morse suggested a time capsule be put in the foundation at the new Tufts Library.

Chairman Clarke stated he intends to speak with Ms. Deree again on the matter.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Mass Historic Preservation Conference**

Chairman Clarke stated the Planning Department paid for Ms. Torrey to attend the conference; discussions included stone walls and gravestones.

### **Community Preservation Workshop with Stuart Saginor**

Ms. Torrey attended a workshop by Stuart Saginor which was about funding and funding churches. The workshop reviewed what could/could not be funded.


## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held on December 3, 2019.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Torrey made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:15PM. Mr. Murphy SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approve

  
James Clarke, Chairman

Dated:

