

Town of Weymouth, MA
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes

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King Oak Hill Park Pavilion, Emery Lane, Weymouth

In Attendance: Jim Clarke
Mike Murphy
Mark Schneider
Jenn Wise-Donovan
Eric Schneider
Dennis Sullivan
Kerry Donnelly

Also in attendance: Maura Ziegler

Call to order

The meeting opened and called to order at 6:17 PM

Minutes -2/16/21; 3/30/21

Will be voted at next meeting.

Jackson Square Land Use and Design Plan -discussion

Jim Clarke stated that the plan focused on the village area. Mike Murphy asked why are we losing the historical character of Weymouth? All the villages are being transformed into contemporary buildings. What is our Mission Statement? Why can't we take our villages and save them and keep them historical? There is a generational change happening to businesses in town. The Town doesn't want empty, decaying buildings.

Mike Murphy, respectfully asked, "Who will stand up for the historical character of the Town?"

Mark Schneider added, that Mike write a counter-proposal to add his comments from tonight and present them at the next commission meeting.

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Kelly suggested looking for grants for businesses.

Jim Clarke stated we are indeed enabled under the Commonwealth laws. We have a Demolition Delay Ordinance which we have used . There was a letter sent to the Mayor on the future of the North Weymouth Library but no response has been received. There was no communication during the process of closing the library.

Eric Schneider stated that much of the work done on the plan overlaps with the Conservation Commission, which had great input into this project.

Eric Schneider stated the Town asked the consultant to review paring back the Herring Run usage by establishments that are impacting the environment. Eric noted the potential conflict between preservation and development.

Jim Clarke recognized the positive changes that have happened in Jackson Square. How can we help strengthen the businesses that are already there? Maybe use COVID funds to strengthen the local business associations.

The next step is to put together some thoughts so we can present them before this is set in stone.

Jim Clarke recommended keeping this on the agenda for further discussion.

3.Wessagusset signage -report

Mark Schneider, reported that the signs are printed and shipped. The next step is to find the proper location of install the signs at the park. Mark stated that he would like to see a ceremony not more than a half hour of speeches. We could invite the Massachusetts Tribe, North Weymouth Assoc., and the Joseph Hall Descendants Association.

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4. Historic House sign -42 Ralph Talbot Street, revisit building date

Jim Clarke stated the he thinks it is a "Circa 1800" structure. However, the owner thinks it might be older.

Ezra Reed, Joseph Colson 1796 House was on Pleasant but moved to Ralph Talbot. Hie suggested revising the approval to "Circa 1796".

The motion to change the signage to "Circa 1796, was made by Mike Murphy, seconded by Mark Schneider and voted unanimously.

5. Lecture series -report

Mark reported on the fall dates for the lectures as: 10/7/2021 Mark book signing event; 11/04/2021 David Finney who made the maps for Mark's book. The group is in touch with a folk singer from Weymouth, England who might perform and have visuals on the early settlers from the Weymouth, England area. This is still being reviewed.

6. Development update

There are no updates at this time.

7. Weymouth 400 -update

There will be a public relations push over the next month or so.

The Fourth of July Fireworks have been cancelled

8. Chester Kevitt plaque placement

The picture is installed near the entrance to the Mayor's office and the plaque will soon follow.

9. Request to purchase 2 historic pictures

Ralph DiPaulo hahs two pictures on board of an Ice House & Spear Factory (cost \$100). The WHS has these pictures.

A Motion was made not to purchase the pictures by Mark Schneider and seconded by Jennifer Weiss Donovan. So voted unanimously.

10. CPC report

no new updates

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11.2021 Work Program discussion

To be discussed next meeting

12.Other business

Willis Keene approached Eric Schneider regarding 16mm film and purchase has been made for \$50 along with some photos. The film will be digitized.

Maria Weston Chapman School regarding dedication of plaque and storyboard. Mike Murphy spoke with the school administration regarding the history of local personalities to be displayed at the school.

Mike stated that the Elmer Donnelly plaque will be installed on Emery Estate. Funding is needed.

13.Next meeting 6/22/2021

14.Adjournment

Mark Schneider made a motion to adjourn, Mike Murphy seconded. The motion to adjourn was accepted. Meeting ended at 7:15 PM

James P. Clough 10/14/21