

**Weymouth Historical Commission
Record of Minutes and Proceedings**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Town Hall, Kelly Room
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02181**

Members Present: Ed Walker, Chairman
Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman
Nancy Cameron
Erica Dumont
Don Mathewson
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Members Absent: Cathy Torrey

Also Present: Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
Abby McCabe, Recording Secretary

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historic Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

The review of the March 11, 2014 minutes was continued to the next meeting on May 13, 2014.

Reports:

Ms. Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator, reported that the renovations to the Fogg Library are complete and the ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for Monday April 28. Additionally, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a fundraising event on April 23. There has been some interest in hosting events such as barbeques at the Emery Estate and the Committee is currently reviewing requests. The Commission's request for Community Preservation Committee funds for the canoe's preservation and new case was submitted and was referred by the Town Council to the Budget Management Committee. The Conservation Commission is currently reviewing the plans for Legion Field. A thank you letter was prepared for the donation of the sword case to be signed by the Chairman. The Town has a new website that allows you to sign up for electronic alerts so that you can be notified when meetings are posted, agendas, minutes etc. There is a subscription button on the Town's homepage. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13 and Ms. Lehrer noted that she would not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

Old Business:

Wessagussett Site Update – Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan reported that the site was currently flooded and there were no further updates at this time.

Fogg Library update on Restoration Project – Described above in the staff reports.

Sword Case for McCulloch United State Marine Corp Dress Sword – Commissioner Lundin reported that the money has been donated for the case and plans have been drawn.

First Town Hall Site at Middle and Washington – The Chairman reported that there were no updates at this time but suggested the possibility of prisoners to help clean up the site.

New Business:

Chet Kevitt Award Nominations for 2014 – The Chairmen informed the Commission that nominations are being accepted for the Chet Kevitt Award and asked the members to consider possible nominations. Ted Clark was a suggestion. The Committee should bring nominations to the next meeting and the Commission will vote on a nominee in May.

House Plaques – Application requests for historic plaques were submitted for 901-903 Commercial Street and 95 Norton Street and were approved at the last meeting. Commissioner Cameron suggested the historic homes be highlighted on the cable station. The Chairman asked for an updated list of the historic plaques approved by the Commission.

Announcements

Commissioner Cameron reported that the First Church in the historic Meeting House District is interested and plans to submit a request for Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds for the bible case and steeple repair and replacement. The Church is using the local group Found Legends for the restoration work. The Church would be hosting a re-enactment event for Abigail Adams in October and partnering with the Abigail Adams Society. Additionally, the Church plans to apply to be listed on the National Register. The Church would like to submit a request for CPC funds at an upcoming CPC meeting and asked for a letter of support from the Commission.

On a motion made by Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan, seconded by Commission Dumont, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to provide a letter of support to the First Church of Weymouth in the Meeting House District on their application for CPC funds for the restoration project.

Ms. Lehrer stated that she would prepare the letter for the Chairman's signature and asked that Commissioner Cameron provide her additional language and detail on the restoration project.


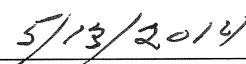
The Chairmen informed the Commission that he recently purchased a book from the Grand Army Republic titled "U.S. Infantry and Rifle Tactics" and passed it around to the members.

The next meeting will be May 13 and Commission member should bring nominations for the Chet Kevitt Award.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan and unanimously voted.

Approved by:

	
_____ Ed Walker, Chairman	_____ Date