

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Town Hall, Kelley Room
April 16, 2013
Minutes

PRESENT:

Ed Walker, Chairman
Jody Lehrer
Mary Dorey
Don Mathewson
Rod Lundin
Kathy Torrey
Nancy Cameron

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NOT PRESENT:

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Chairman Walker called the April 16, 2013 meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:00PM.

CLEAN UP DAY 4/27/13

Ms. Lehrer stated volunteers are needed at King Phillips Memorial on Clean up Day, April 27, 2013.

MAYOR'S HOUSE PLAQUE PRESENTATION

The historic house plaques will be awarded by Mayor Kay on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Seven plaques have been approved.

CHET KEVITT AWARD

On Tuesday, June 11, 2013 the Chet Kevitt Award will be presented; this will take place at 6:30pm in Mayor Kay's office. Ms. Lehrer will order the plaque. Commission members agreed to vote on nominees at next meeting. The meeting of the WHC will begin afterwards at 7:30 pm.

POND PLAIN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Pond Plain Improvement Association has gone before the Community Preservation Committee with a funding request for improvements to the building. CPC insisted PPIA go before Historical Commission and ask for their approval that the building has historical significance prior to CPC approving the funding request.

Historical Commission members all agreed that the building at 330 Pond Street known at the Pond Plain Improvement definitely has historical significance to the Town of Weymouth. Ms. Lehrer will draft a letter from the commission and send it along to the Community Preservation Committee.

MINUTES

Mr. Lundin made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of March 12, 2013. Ms. Dorey SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

INTRODUCTIONS - NEW MEMBER

Historical Commission members introduced themselves to the newest member of the committee; Ms. Nancy Campbell.

CLAPP MEMORIAL UPDATE

Chairman Walker stated he recently found a color picture postcard from 1910 of the Clapp Memorial Building.

Mr. Lundin stated he has viewed Mr. Deady's memo which contains some of Mr. Deady's thoughts on building.

The signs are down in this area. Chairman Walker stated he would like to get this district resigned with Central Historic Square signs.

NEW BUSINESS

POND PLAIN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Members present: Bill Taylor, Jim Barry, Phil Bartel, Cheryl Taylor, Pat Fisher and Bob McKerin

PPIA members stated they were present tonight to advise Historical Commission of the conditions of the building, history of the building and to ask HC to deem the building of historical significance so that CPC will consider the PPIA funding request.

The hall started as a Volunteer Fire Department before there was a Fire Department in Weymouth. This continued into the early teens; it was chartered as a Chemical Fire Department. A bucket brigade in the Pond Plain area; hand drawn unit.

In 1912 the hall was chartered as PPIA for the betterment of the area and they continued to meet in the old school house; in 1923 they raised the building.

It is the same building as stands today. Building has continued as same type of building until today. It is the oldest chartered corporation in the country. This building held the Woman's Suffrage Club; Ladies Auxiliary in 1914, speakers for women's issues in 1920, Chartered Boy Scout Troop 9, Fulton School, housed troops from WWII, Red Cross, and has always been a building of great sponsor for your activities.

The building is in serious trouble, ice damage from storms two years ago and insurance will not cover the costs to repair. There are mitigation funds earmarked for this building but even that is not enough. PPIA would like to try to bring the hall back to what it was. The hall needs updates for handicap access but the remainder of the building would like to keep with the 1920's style.

Chairman Flynn stated that before CPC can give approval for this funding request they require approval from the Historical Commission that this is a significant historical building.

Ms. Dorey suggested that PPIA preserve any and all documents that they have.

Chairman Walker asked is there a timeframe to get comments from Historical Commission and get back to CPC. PPIA members stated yes, CPC is looking for HC vote of historical significance of building at 330 Pond Street.

Ms. Torrey asked how PPIA will showcase the historical significance of the building in the new and improved building. Do they plan to have a display case with random items? Ms. Fisher stated yes, they do plan to have a display area with historical artifacts.

Ms. Torrey stated PPIA needs to become a non-profit. Mr. McKerin stated PPIA can incorporate as a charitable corporation.

Ms. Dorey made a MOTION to RECOGNIZE the POND PLAIN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BUILDING located at 330 POND STREET, SOUTH WEYMOUTH as having historical significance and value to the Town of Weymouth. Mr. Lundin SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NORTH WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL PROJECTS - Don Mathewson

Mr. Mathewson gave a thorough history and description of many, many maps (see attached) of North Weymouth dating back to 1630. Much narrative was included in the presentation (see attached) including the occupants of Weymouth and the order in which they arrived, streets as they were named then and now, and the general happenings of the day.

FOGG LIBRARY UPDATE ON INTERIOR RESTORATION PROJECT

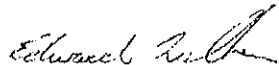
It was reported that the work is close to starting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on May 15, 2013 at 7:00PM at Town Hall, Kelley Room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Ms. Dorey to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Mr. Lundin. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.



Ed Walker, Chairman, WHC

5/15/2013

Date

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Callbeck
Recording Secretary