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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023
TUFTS LIBRARY - 7:00 PM

Present: Jim Clarke, Dennis Sullivan, Kerri Donnelly, Mark Schneider, Jenn Donovan, Cathy Torrey

Staff: Eric Schneider

1. Minutes - Jim called the meeting to order at 7 PM. A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Kerri, to approve the November 29, 2022 minutes as submitted. So voted unanimously.
2. Historic House Signs - Jim stated that Cathy would arrive shortly and we will hold on the election of officers. Eric reported that a company in Rockland does the Hingham signs and the cost is about \$55 per sign. He hasn't had a chance to speak to Brian from the School Department about doing the signs. Jim suggested members take a look at the Hingham signs.
3. Newsletter - Kerri said the January newsletter went out last Thursday. The newsletter was sent to 138 addresses and it was opened 292 times. Kerri hoped members would think about new stories for the newsletter.
4. Election - Cathy arrived at 7:10. Eric conducted the election for Chair. A motion was made by Mark, seconded by Cathy, to nominate Jim for Chair. There were no other nominations and Jim was elected unanimously.
A motion was made by Kerri to nominate Cathy for Vice-Chair, seconded by Dennis. There were no other nominations and Cathy was elected unanimously.
A motion was made by Mark to nominate Kerri for Secretary, seconded by Jenn. There were no other nominations and Kerri was elected unanimously.
5. Jackson Square National Register District - Eric reported that the office was informed that CPC funds could not be used for a National Register nomination. Jim said that he got an estimate for the cost at \$40- \$45 thousand to prepare the nomination. He felt that we should continue to look for funding options. He noted that he and Cathy would be meeting with the Mayor this month and would discuss funding with him.

6. Weymouth 400 update - Several members attended the screening of the Weymouth 400 film on December 30 and 31. Viewers thought more of the town's history should have been highlighted. Jim didn't think the film could be used as an educational tool. Eric mentioned that there was an article on the film in the Patriot Ledger. Members wondered whether Weymouth 400 would continue in some capacity in the new year.

7. Development Update - Eric explained the status of the moratorium. With the publication of the ad for the measure permits are on hold until action on the petition is taken by the Town Council. Eric stated that the old Francer Building should be ready for occupancy around February 1.

8. CPC Report - Cathy stated that the next meeting will be on February 2. This will be the annual meeting.

9. Demolition Delay - Jim suggested that the commission add contributing structures from another National Register District to the Demolition Delay list. A motion was made by Mark, seconded by Cathy, to add the Sea Street National Register District structures to the list. So voted unanimously. Jim requested Eric to prepare the mailing at a convenient time for the staff.

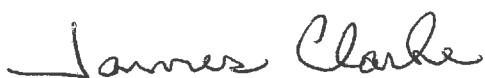
10. WHC Assistance Projects - Cathy noted that the Heritage Park Abigail Adams statue was unveiled in mid-December. This was done to get film footage for the Weymouth 400 film. The Mayor's Office has said that there will be another event in the spring. Cathy stated that the commission was not invited to the December event. Jim was told that the storyboards were not complete and he hoped that the commission will be involved in the review of the final design for the boards.

Jim reported that the "Abolitionist's Picnic" painting is being printed and framed and will be given to the Chapman School. The Emery Estate status will be discussed at the Mayor's meeting.

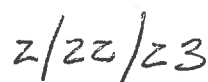
11. Other Business - The State Archives visit to the Town Clerk's vault is scheduled for January 23. Jim has been in touch with First Church members and offered our assistance in their 400th anniversary celebration. Jim needs to talk to Mike Murphy about the possible school help on the Chet Kevitt project.

12. Next Meeting - February 21, 2023, 7PM.

13. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis, seconded by Cathy. So voted unanimously at 7:55 PM.



James Clarke, Chair



Date