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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2023
TUFTS LIBRARY - 7:00 PM

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

1. Minutes - Jim called the meeting to order at 7PM. He reported that Mike Murphy had submitted his resignation effective April 11. Jim spoke to Mike and thanked him for his service and noted that Mike said that he would remain active in preserving and promoting Weymouth's history.

A motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Dennis, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023. So voted unanimously.

2. Historic House Signs - Jim said that if people were happy with the sample signs presented at the last meeting, we should approve the new signmaker. Eric informed Jim that the cost will be \$75. A motion was made by Kerri, seconded by Cathy, to approve Bryan Duane as the new signmaker for the commission. So voted unanimously.

3. Newsletter - Kerri reported that the May newsletter is in process and will go out early in May. Kerri and Jim will be preparing a story on the shed being constructed by the High School carpentry class at the Holbrook House. Ideas for stories are always welcome.

4. Chet Kevitt Award - Jim noted that we had a good discussion about several nominees at the February meeting. Mark asked whether Mike Murphy might be eligible. Kerri suggested that Mike should be discussed next year since he just got off the commission. Rob MacLean and the library staff was again discussed. Jim noted the restoration of Fogg Library and the acquisition of paintings for that building. Kerri said that the collection and preservation of historic documents and artifacts isn't a standard job for local libraries. Cathy suggested that the library staff should be included because of their work in the process. A motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Mark, to nominate Rob MacLean and the library staff for the Chester Kevitt Award for 2022. So voted unanimously.

5. Development Update - Jim stated that Eric had another meeting and couldn't attend tonight. Jim said he would speak to Eric and again request that notices on new projects be sent to him

for the commission's review. We would focus on projects that impact historic buildings, sites, and older areas of the town.

6. Community Preservation Committee - Jim is working with the Town Clerk and prepared an application for CPC funds to repair the 1853 Walling map of Weymouth. This map was donated to the town by David Bristol of Bates Brothers Quarries. A motion was made by Kerri, seconded by Jenn, to submit the request for funding to the CPC. So voted unanimously.


7. First Church 400th Anniversary - Jim stated that we have offered to work with the church as they celebrate its' 400th anniversary this year. There will be two tours of the Meeting House District, with the first on May 21 for church members only. The second will be during their fall event on September 16. Kerri noted that we will be highlighting stories about the church in the newsletter, starting with the May edition. Jim said he was working with the Mayor's Office and Weymouth 400 to create street pole banners for the district.

8. Other Business - Jim stated that Weymouth 400 still has funds and there are discussions ongoing as to how it might be used. Mark suggested that some might be allocated to a museum. Jim has not heard anything on the Emery Estate historic study or the committee. Jenn noted that she was contacted to be on the committee.

The Town Clerk vault meeting with the State Archives will be held in May.

9. Next Meeting - The next meeting of the commission will be held on May 23, 2023.

10. Adjournment - A motion was made by Mark, seconded by Cathy, to adjourn at 7:36 PM. So voted unanimously.



James Clarke

Chair

12/14/23

Date