

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 2014
MINUTES**

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PRESENT:

Walter Flynn, Chairman
Donald Mathewson
Pat O'Leary
Steve Reilly
Christopher Hannan, Clerk
Dan Condon, Vice Chairman
Helen Maloney

NOT PRESENT:

George Loring
Ed Harrington

ALSO PRESENT:

Kate Marshall, Community Development Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Christine Malloy

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ABIGAIL ADAMS SOCIETY HISTORIC PRESERVATION REQUEST

Ms. Kathy Torrey requested that \$39,000 of the current grant (for electrical work and handicap ramp) be allowed to abate mold and bug issues resulting from the heat now being on during the winter months. Chairman Flynn commented that funds encumbered must be used for the purposes for which they were originally requested.

WEYMOUTH HISTORIC COMMISSION PRESERVATION REQUEST - FIRST CHURCH, MEETING HOUSE ITEMS

Ms. Torrey
14 River Bank Road

Nancy Cameron
169 Pilgrim Road

Ms. Torrey stated she met with Mr. Clarke regarding this request and CPC funds can be used for churches. Ms. Torrey stated that the Abigail Adams Society is working with First Church because of the anniversary of the wedding of John & Abigail Adams. Abigail Adams Society supports this application.

Tom Wilburn, Head of Trustees at First Church

Mr. Wilburn stated First Church is known as the Meeting House and it served as the home of Weymouth town meetings from 1635 until 1723. Its Pastors included Rev. Thomas Paine, whose son Robert Treat Paine was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Rev. William Smith, father of Abigail who became the wife of John Adams and the mother of John Quincy Adams, and Rev. Joshua Emery, Jr. In 1776, Rev. Smith delivered one of the earliest public readings of the Declaration of Independence from the pulpit of First Church Meeting House. The history of the Meeting House should not be ignored or lost.

In 2008, the Meeting House district was declared a National Historic site. The Trustees at First Church have added an elevator and a handicap ramp to make the building handicap accessible.

Mr. Wilburn stated that the building services the community as well as the church. Community use includes:

- Troop 2
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Rotary Club
- Weymouth Family Services
- Friends of the Homeless
- Brazilian Congregation
- Abigail Adams Society, which holds meetings at this facility

Mr. Wilburn stated First Church intends to coordinate its schedule to open at the same time as Abigail Adams House to promote Weymouth as a Historic Town.

Mr. Wilburn gave quotes for each item as follows:

1. Bible Case w/argon gas	\$ 3,640
2. Pulpit (top)	\$ 2,675
3. Pulpit (base)	\$ 1,782
4. Steeple restoration	\$34,285 (already paid \$19,000 on this item)
5. Reguilding of historic (period) weathervane	\$ 2,350 (this weathervane is at least 80 years old)
6. Front Door replacement historic (period) replication	\$23,340 (this price is for three (3) doors with handicap bars)
7. Conservation of wood trim of pews	\$ 2,970
8. Painting of floors and white pews	\$ 5,111
9. Scaffolding for interior ceiling paint	\$13,795
10. Main Ceiling and Choir repair and paint	\$ 6,485
11. Foyer repair and paint	\$ 1,975
TOTAL PROPOSED REQUEST	\$89,108

Items 9 and 10 go together. Church has run in the red for past five (5) years. No additional monies to do capital repairs in church. New doors will be ADA compliant.

Chairman Flynn stated this appears like several different projects all combined under one request. Chairman Flynn asked Mr. Wilburn did you put the steeple restoration project out to bid. Mr. Wilburn stated no, because the Steeple needed to be repaired as soon as possible.

Randy Cushing
Commercial Street

Mr. Cushing asked how high the ceiling is.

Ms. Maloney stated she would have liked to have seen pictures of church, before and after, or of its state of disrepair. Ms. Marshall stated staff can set up a tour of the church for any and all CPC members that wish to view.

Chairman Flynn stated that if approved, the method for how the project gets paid is contractors submit their invoices to the Planning Department as they are completed for payment.

Ms. Torrey gave all CPC members a (handout) copy of Community Preservation Coalition's policy of preservation of churches.

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to TAKE THIS REQUEST UNDER ADVISEMENT. Ms. O'Leary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Mr. Hannan recused himself from the vote.

Mr. Frank Hawkins gave all members a copy of the Concurrent Resolution 25 of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives

This was read into the record:

Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas the adoption of this historic document marked the birth of our country as a free and independent nation; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed in each year at the same moment throughout the United States;
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o'clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th of July,

or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance."

Adopted 26 June 1963

*National Bell Ringing Ceremony
Independence Day
United States Senate &
The House of Representatives
Concurrent Resolution
Number 25.*

*THE BELL RING HEARD
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES*

In 1963, an act of Congress officially authorized the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony. This patriotic act says it is "fitting" and "appropriate" to ring bells in honor of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. To participate on the 4TH OF JULY, bell ringing institutions across the country are to ring 13 times at 2:00 p.m. EDST.

PROJECT UPDATES

Kibby Parcel

The trail connector RFP is being developed; it is at DCR for its review right now. Hope to get to landscaper soon.

Pond Meadow

No work on improving bike path as yet.

Legion Field

Biddable plans are available for contractors as of today. Contracts received on May 20th. Northern Contractor has given one estimate on repairs to Legion Wall.

Whitman's Pond

CPC allocated \$25,000 for permitting and waiting for Conservation to put RFP out.

Fogg Library

Fogg Library is now open.

Smith Stones

Stones should be done by end of May.

Hockey Rink at Stella Tirrell

This project is going before a Public Hearing on Monday night.

Dugout Canoe

This project is going before a Public Hearing on Monday night.

Emery Estate

The Advisory Committee met on May 13, 2014 to review private requests to use the building/grounds.

MINUTES

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to APPROVE the Minutes of March 26, 2014. Mr. Hannan SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEXT MEETING

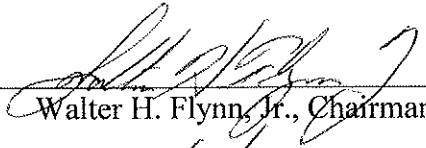
The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on June 5, 2014 at 7:00PM.

Ms. Marshall asked CPC members, who would like to view the repairs at First Church. Mr. Condon, Ms. Maloney and Mr. Reilly.

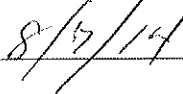
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 P.M., there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Hannan to ADJOURN and SECONDED by Mr. Reilly. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____


Walter H. Flynn, Jr., Chairman

Dated: _____


8/17/14