

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
June 2, 2016
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dan Condon, Vice Chairman
Pat O'Leary
Victor Pap
Ed Harrington
Mark Schneider

NOT PRESENT: George Loring
Christopher Hannan, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Luongo, Director Planning & Development
Kate Marshall, Economic Planning & Development

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christine Malloy

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

Robert MacLean, Director Weymouth Public Libraries
CONSERVATION and PRESERVATION of SELECT ITEMS from WEYMOUTH
PUBLIC LIBRARIES' HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Funding request:

Since the fall we have had an archivist organizing the creating finding aids for our Local History Collection. This grant-funded work will result in the collection being readily accessible to the residents of Weymouth by the end of calendar year 2016. During the course of her work, the archivist noted a number of important items that were in need of conservation and digitization. Based on her prioritization we are seeking funds to have conservation work performed on 16 unique items and collections housed in our Local History Collection. This work is in support of the Preservation Long-Range Plan and the general Long-Range Plan for the Weymouth Public Libraries.

The items we intend to conserve include pamphlets, letters, journals, a printed book, broadsides, daguerreotypes, a poster, and a botanical specimen book. Several of these pertain to or were authored by notable Weymouth figures and span from 1754 to 1862. Of particular interest are two pamphlets from our Cotton Tufts collection, the first entitled "Message of the President of the United States, April 1798," and the second entitled "God's Voice Crying in the Wilderness" which may be in fact the only copy of the original printing. Also of note is a botanical specimen book containing pressed plants that was sold at the Boston Anti-slavery Bazaar in 1834 and owned by Hannah C. B. Fifield. Finally, the daguerreotypes mentioned in the list above are

important to the collection because they depict images of members of the Fifield and Porter families as well as the Reverend Jonas Perkins.

The digital images will be added to our growing Historical Images Collection, making them accessible online to anyone who wishes to view them. We have received an estimate for the conservation and digitization from Northeast Document Conservation Center and to that end we are requesting \$28,422 for this project.

Mr. MacLean stated these are long-range plan efforts; digitized efforts for the local history collection. There are 16 items in total that were prioritized for preservation and conservation. The request for \$28,422 would cover the 16 objects; there are many other objects that are not included in this list that require preservation and conservation also.

Vice Chairman Condon asked what is the web traffic to the digitized copies of these prints. Mr. MacLeod stated he is not sure but will find out the answer and report back to this committee.

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to APPROVE the funding request for CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF SELECT ITEMS FROM WEYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARIES' HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS in the amount of \$28,422. Ms. O'Leary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

FUNDING PROPOSAL – Discussion

Mr. George Mutch, Chairman **Waterfront Committee**

Mr. Mutch stated he is not looking for a request for funding today, just came to discuss a topic. The Waterfront Committee is considering connecting Wessagusset Beach to George Lane Beach. The Waterfront Committee wanted Community Preservation Commission to be aware that this project request will possibly be brought back in July as a proposal request.

Mr. Mutch stated the plan is to build a boardwalk on top of the rip rap seawall (approximately 2,000 feet long) with a seating area, town fishing pier, walking and biking along waterfront way. This project idea is supported by Mayor Hedlund and the Waterfront Committee and would substantially clean up the area.

Repurposing town land will come back in July with a better proposal and request. Mr. Luongo stated he hopes to bring Conservation Commission in as a co-applicant on this project.

Need to explore issue of what is town owned land; regarding ownership of beach front, stairs to beach, etc.

PROJECT UPDATES

Kibby

Wrapping up within the next few weeks. Etched monument is done.

Back River Trail

- KZLA – closing land documents
- Work on closure
- Trail will go in existing car path
- Secure incinerator – concerns

Herring Run

Underway

Smelt Brook

Underway

Culvert

Underway

Whitman's Pond

Feasibility study

Lovell Playground

Mayor Hedlund is working with the design; they hope they can come up with something that will be approved by Conservation Commission.

Daylighting

Daylighting is under the former Brick Grille Restaurant. Mr. Luongo met with Jay Ashe from State Department; Mass Works will fund the grant for the brook. There are a lot of moving pieces. Mixed use development.

Emery Estate

Ms. O'Leary reported the advisory committee has met a few times regarding outdoor events; create parking; and passive uses for site. They are meeting again in June for neighborhood; walking trails; parking; small events; and outside events. Ms. O'Leary believes the committee's plan is to land bank the house and come up with a short term time frame to come up with ideas for the house. But the house cannot become "The Money Pit."

Vice Chairman Condon stated the next Emery Advisory Committee meeting is next Thursday at Mayor Hedlund's office, all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Luongo stated the mayor wants to see a re-use for the house.

Vice Chairman Condon stated a public meeting in mid-June is pre-mature unless homework is done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Stuart
541 Essex Street

Mr. Stuart asked if he can submit a request. Mr. Luongo answered yes, just go on line for an application or come by the Planning Department and pick one up.

MINUTES

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to APROVE the Regular Minutes of May 5, 2016. Mr. Harrington SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to APPROVE the Executive Session Minutes of May 5, 2016. Ms. O'Leary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on July 7, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00P.M., there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Pap to ADJOURN and SECONDED by Mr. Harrington. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: 
Dan Condon, Vice Chairman

Dated: July 7, 2016