

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Town Hall, Kelley Room
September 10, 2013
Minutes

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Chairman Walker called the September 10, 2013 meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:00PM.

REPORTS - TOWN LIAISON

FOGG LIBRARY

Ms. Lehrer stated the windows are done; Massachusetts Historical has paid \$50,000 toward this project. All WHC members are invited to attend the Open House; September 12, 2013 6-7pm.

The Fogg Library is looking for donations of trees and shrubs. Additionally, the Fogg Library is looking for a consultant to do installation of donated artwork.

EMERY ESTATE

Currently looking at plans on driveway access and agriculture.

ABIGAIL ADAMS HOUSE

The Abigail Adams House received \$50,000 from Community Preservation monies. All work is just about completed except for air conditioning and handicap access.

There were two Eagle Scout projects done at the house; stairs up the side to sitting area and stairs to North Street leading to cemetery.

Currently there are discussions about putting in a sidewalk/crossing path to link with the Meeting House area.

Ms. Torrey stated she recently completed an interview on the restoration at the Abigail Adams house with the *National Trust for Historic Preservation* which will be the feature article in the publication shortly.

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CLAPP BUILDING

In progress.

SMITH STONES AT NORTH CEMETERY

Ms. Debbie Sargent, President, Weymouth Historical Society stated the stones are being worked on; progress is slow.

FOGG LIBRARY

Ms. Sargent stated she would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rod Lundin for finding a scrap metal plaque that was stolen from the Fogg Library. The plaque has now been returned to the town and the persons responsible for the theft have been arrested.

JIM McCULLOCH PRESENTATION OF FAMILY SWORD TO TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

Mr. McCulloch and his wife Marsha stated they did a driving tour of North Weymouth and went to the McCulloch School to see the school that was named after his uncle. Building was closed at the time because of Proposition 2 1/2. Mr. McCulloch stated his uncle died as a result of the Korean War; however he died in Pensacola, Florida. Mr. McCulloch would like to present to the Town of Weymouth the McCulloch family sword to house in the town somewhere as it once belonged to his uncle who the school is named after.

Ms. Torrey made a MOTION to ACCEPT the McCulloch Family Sword on behalf of the Town of Weymouth and thanked the family. Ms. Cameron SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Torrey advised the family that there is a wooden plaque available from the marines to get the sword mounted onto and display at the McCulloch School/Whipple Center.

Chairman Walker stated he will look into the purchase of the plaque and security for the sword at the McCulloch Building; sword will be held at Town Hall until it is determined to be safe at McCulloch Building.

REORGANIZATION

Chairman Walker stated he would like someone to propose nomination of officers for the Weymouth Historical Commission.

Mr. Lundin NOMINATED Mr. Walker as Chairman of the Weymouth Historical Commission. Ms. Torrey SECONDED the NOMINATION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, Mr. Ed Walker, Chairman Weymouth Historical Commission.

Chairman Walker NOMINAED Mr. Lundin as Vice Chairman of the Weymouth Historical Commission. Ms. Torrey SECONDED the NOMINATION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, Mr. Rod Lundin, Vice Chairman Weymouth Historical Commission.

Ms. Torrey NOMINATED Ms. Cameron as Curator of the Weymouth Historical Commission. Mr. Lundin SECONDED the NOMINATION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, Ms. Cameron, Curator Weymouth Historical Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATING 300TH YEAR OF CONTINUING SERVICE

Ms. Cameron announced that First Church is celebrating its 300th year of continuing service. This was the home church of Abigail Adams and her father was the longest serving pastor there; at 49 years.

The celebratory service takes a historical trip down through present day. The celebration is on September 29th at 10:00AM; brunch immediately following at the Elks at noon.

DIORAMA AT WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Ms. Debbie Sargent was present to discuss the existing diorama of Weymouth that is at the Weymouth Historical Museum needs to be removed from the museum and possibly replaced. The original diorama was first done in 1969; it is out dated and has shorted out. It has been looked at and there doesn't seem to be any way to fix it.

Ms. Sergeant stated she would like to remove it and see if the vocation school could make a panel for the wall to replace this existing diorama.

Chairman Walker asked how would the town go about getting rid of what is there now; because it officially belongs to the town. Ms. Lehrer stated she will check with Mr. Clarke and report back to the commission. This needs to be checked on because the diorama was created with grant monies.

Ms. Torrey made a MOTION to dispose of existing diorama after commission hears back from Mr. Clarke on proper ways to get it removed. Ms. Cameron SECONDED The MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CANOE

Chairman Walker stated people from Plymouth Plantation are looking for another canoe, they are sending their canoe to the Smithsonian. Ms. Torrey suggested WHC looking around because Weymouth has good resources here.

Ms. Lehrer suggested putting this topic onto the agenda for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on October 8, 2013 at 7:00PM at Town Hall, Kelley Room.

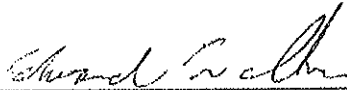
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Ms. Torrey to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Ms. Cameron. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Callbeck
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Chairman, Ed Walker

Dated:

11/12/2013
