Weymouth Historical Commission Record of Minutes and Proceedings

December 8, 2015 Fogg Library Columbian Square South Weymouth, MA 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Ed Walker, Chairman

Nancy Cameron

Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman

Mike Murphy Mark Schneider

Members Absent:

Cathy Torrey

Don Mathewson

Also Present:

Julie Burt, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2015, meeting were not available for review and vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Emery Estate Discussion

Commissioner Torrey was absent from the meeting and it was decided to table this item until the next meeting.

Historic Districts Highlighted on Town Map

Commissioner Cameron met with Garret and Jody Lehrer. The spreadsheet is complete and the project is underway. Commissioner Cameron stated that she expects to have the project completed by the spring.

Mishoon Case/Canoe Preservation Update

Chairman Walker stated that the work is in progress. The case has been turned over to Jim Clarke and Jody Lehrer. The floor will be demolished and the mold will be removed from the case. The goal is to get the mold removal job done under Jim Clarke's watch and is expected to be done very soon. In order to do the work, the canoe has to come out of the case. Commissioner Lundin stated that he would like to be there when this happens. Commissioner Lundin stated that the argon gas valves should be plugged to be sure there is no gas leak. It is expected to take a few hours to replace the floor inside the case.

Granite Markers on Old Post Road

Commissioners Cameron and Schneider went out and looked at the current location of the granite markers. Commissioner Cameron distributed a summary document of the status of the markers that was used during their review.

The marker currently placed at Broad and Washington Streets needs to be moved to the pocket park at Commercial and Washington at Sacred Heart.

Chairman Walker stated that Jim Clarke asked that the Commission do their research and find documentation that shows exactly where the Jackson Square marker was originally placed.

Commissioner Cameron will email Bill Pepe to see if he has any postcards that would assist. Chairman Walker suggested looking in the Weymouth News during 1930 timeframe when the markers were placed. Commissioner Cameron will look into this.

The plan is to move forward and move and place the first marker. Commissioner Cameron will rewrite the summary document and email it to Jody Lehrer with the photos that were taken during the site visit.

Civil War Monument Rededication

There was some discussion of ideas regarding the Civil War monument rededication. Commissioner Lundin mentioned that there are grants available for restoration and there may be funds available to do some work. An estimate will be needed in order to move forward with a grant application.

It was suggested to combine the General Bates original dedication with the new dedication.

Commissioner Schneider suggested forming a subcommittee for this event. Commissioners Walker, Murphy, Schneider and Lundin are interested in working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Tirrell/Almeida House

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Lundin and seconded by Commissioner Schneider to add the Tirrell/Almeida House issue to the January Weymouth Historical Commission agenda under New Business and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Weymouth 400th Anniversary

Commissioner Schneider stated that since everyone has ideas that at some point the members should have a discussion and brainstorm ideas. Commissioner Cameron suggested waiting for Mayor elect Hedlund to take office as well as the new Town Planner.

Commissioner Cameron stated that she will be away for the next three months but would be happy to participate in the meetings via cellphone.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:00PM was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, and unanimously voted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on January 12, 2015, at Tufts Library, Canoe Room, 46 Broad Street, at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Burt

Edward Walker, Chairman

Date