

**Weymouth Historical Commission  
Record of Proceedings and Minutes**

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**Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
Town Hall, Kelly Room  
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02181**

**Members Present:** Ed Walker, Chairman  
Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Cameron  
Erica Dumont  
Don Mathewson  
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan  
Cathy Torrey

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator  
Abby McCabe, Recording Secretary

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chair called the meeting of the Historic Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Mathewson, the January 14, 2014 minutes were approved as written by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan and Commissioner Dumont arrived after the vote).

**Reports:**

Ms. Lehrer reported that a public meeting on the 75% design plans for Legion Field and Lovell Playground is expected for early March, the exact date is to be determined. Various improvements at Stella Tirrell Park are scheduled to begin in the spring as well as a "soft" opening in April for the renovated Fogg Library and a grand opening at a later date. The Emery Estate Advisory Committee met last night and Commissioner Torrey gave a further update on the Emery Estate. Ms. Torrey attended the meeting and reported that the Committee discussed the need to make the bathrooms and the rest of the property handicap accessible was a main discussion point. Ms. Lehrer also distributed the state's Conflict of Interest information for members to read and sign.

**Old Business:**

The Chair stated that there are no updates on the Wessagussett site or the first Town Hall site at this time. Commissioner Lundin informed the Commission that he visited the McCulloch Building for a site visit to view the location of the U.S. Marine Corp Dress Sword case and measured the wall. He suggested having students at the trade school design and build the case and is working with the shop class instructor to see if this is possible.

**New Business:**

Chairman Walker distributed a photograph of the historic rock with the ancient writing and noted that they are still trying to identify the exact location of the rock today but believes the rock is still

located on the Nevins Estate off of Mill Street and will look into further in the spring. Commissioner Torrey updated the Commission on her findings regarding the canoe case preservation effort. She recently connected with Glen Bregburn and Nancy Duffrane from Found Legends Restoration, a local preservation group, and they are coming to view the canoe to perform an assessment next Tuesday afternoon at the library. She also spoke to the Director of Massachusetts Archives and learned that the measures used 50 years ago may not be the best today. They recommended other means such as special gases and referenced a book on preservation published by MIT. The Chair also noted that he had received a list from the Mass Historic Commission for people to contact regarding preservation means.

**Announcements**

A flyer on upcoming events at Abigail Adams Society was distributed. There is a Louisa Catherine Adams Birthday Celebration on February 12, 2014 in Quincy.

Ms. Lehrer stated that the Commission has received two new applications for historic plaques at the following locations; 189 Sea Street, owned by Marita Lundin (family of Commissioner Lundin), 344 Commercial Street, owned by Susan Lee Vaughn, and 901-903 Commercial Street, owned by Thomas R. Wylie, which is over 100 years old.

Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan made a motion to approve the historic plaque request for 344 Commercial Street, owned by Susan Lee Vaughn, and 189 Sea Street, owned by Marita Lundin, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Torrey and approved 6-0-1 (Commissioner Lundin abstained).

The vote on 901-903 Commercial Street, owned by Thomas R. Wylie, was held to check photographs and more information and was continued to the next meeting on March 11, 2014.

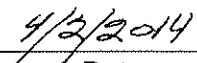
Ms. Lehrer further noted that they Town is working on a new website that is expected to go live in March and will upload the application, maps and other relevant Commission information to the new website. The Commission agreed that it would be good to have the plaque request application on the new website.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lundin and seconded by Commissioner Torrey and unanimously voted.

Next Meeting – March 11, 2014

  
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Ed Walker, Chairman

  
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