

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

Tuesday, January 14, 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
Cathy Torrey

Members Absent: Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Also Present: Debbie Sullivan, Weymouth Historical Society
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 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

On a motion made by Commissioner Lundin, seconded by Commissioner Dumont, the November 12, 2013 and December 3, 2013 minutes were approved as written by a vote of 6-0.

Reports:

Ms. Lehrer reported that the Fogg Library renovation project is nearing completion and additional Community Preservation Funds are being requested at an upcoming Town Council meeting. The library is expected to open in March. The 25% design plans for Legion and Lovell Fields have been completed and the consultant is working on the 75% design plans to be completed in February. An Emery Advisory Committee meeting is planned for later this month on January 27, 2014. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is almost complete and expected to be submitted to the state for final approval next month.

The Commission received a Section 106 review letter to install signs for a Massachusetts Department of Transportation to attach signage to existing poles. The Commission also received an application requesting a historical plaque at 901 and 903 Commercial Street. Staff will provide further details and photograph of the property at the next meeting. The Commission did not vote on the request and continued the review to the next meeting in February.

Commissioner Dumont asked what the additional funding source was for the Fogg Library funds. Ms. Lehrer responded that she would find out and get back to the Commission.

Chairman Walker asked about the status of the route 18 widening project and if the existing plaque on the bridge will remain. Ms. Lehrer responded it was previously decided that the plaque would not be removed.

Chairman Walker informed the Commission that the demolition delay period for 135 Randolph Street has almost ended and the demolition permit will be issued soon. He and Commissioner Lundin recently inspected the structure and photographed the residence for the Commission's records.

Old Business:

Ms. Sullivan reported to the Commission that the plexiglass panels have been removed on the Weymouth Diorama. The display area needs to be sanded and painted. Chairman Walker reported that the Commission needed to provide a display case for the USMC sword to be located at Town Hall. He looked into the cost for a case and estimated the cost to be \$100 with the best prices on amazon. The Commission will need to vote on the case to be purchased and then submit a reimbursement request for the case. More research is needed and this was continued to the next meeting.

The Chairman asked the Commission to consider options for the site of the first Town Hall located at the corner of Middle and Washington Streets where a plaque currently exists. He suggested the site be a park with a walkway. Ms. Dumont volunteered to check if the site would qualify to be listed on the Massachusetts Registry of National Historic Places. The Chairman emphasized that he thought the site should be protected.

New Business:

Historic Rock with ancient writing – At a previous meeting of the Commission there was an inquiry into a large rock that was discovered in town several decades ago when the rail road was expanded. The Commission discussed options to locate the rock.

Canoe Case – The Chairman informed the Commission that they may want to look into a new case for the canoe that would preserve the canoe better than the existing one because it does not currently have any protection against the heat and humidity. Ms. Torrey suggested contacting Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) or New England Historical Society for professional input. Ms. Torrey agreed to reach out to MHC. The Commission created a Committee to work on the canoe's preservation that included Chairman Walker, Mr. Lundin, Ms. Torrey, and Ms. Cameron.


The Chairman suggested creating a map of Weymouth showing the historic districts, historic sites and landmarks. Staff said that the Town is in the process of updating the website and will look into creating and adding a map that could go on the Commission's webpage.

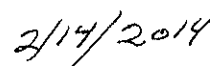
Announcements:

January 19, 2014 - OPEN HOURS at Abigail Adams' Birthplace 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
January 26, 2014 – Talk on the Abigail Adams' Birthplace Furniture and Restoration 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
January 27, 2014 – The Emery Estate Advisory Committee will be meeting and Commissioner Torrey is the Commission's liaison.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Commissioner Lundin, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, the Commission adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Vote 6-0.


Ed Walker, Chairman


Date