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Fogg Library, Canoe Room, Weymouth, MA 02181

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

Members Absent: None

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

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

Minutes:

On a motion made by Commissioner Lundin, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, the Commission voted 4-1 (Nancy Cameron abstained, Jodi Purdy-Quinlan arrived after the vote) to accept the minutes of November 13, 2014 as written.

Reports / Town Liaison:

Ms. Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator, reported that she received a request for a historic plaque for property located at 33 Whitman Street from Jamie Mathews. The date of construction listed on the application was 1855. The Commission discussed updating the application to include the property's construction date and a link directing people to the registry's website to confirm the date.

On a motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commission Torrey, the Commission voted 5-0 to update the historic plaque application with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds website to verify the construction date.

On a motion made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the historic plaque for 33 Whitman Street.

Ms. Lehrer also reminded the Commission members to complete the online ethics training required of all volunteers and to review and sign the certificate of acknowledgement for the conflict of interest laws.

Old Business:

Wessagussett Site Update – Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan informed the members that the site was cleaned up. She was also interested in having drummers to the site and organizing an event for the 400 year anniversary. The other Commission members agreed and wanted to consider a celebration. Ms. Purdy-Quinlan believed the site has been zoned as POS and needed to be updated as it is currently listed as R-1. She emphasized the importance of permanently protecting the site from development. Staff will check and get back to the Commission on this.

Sword Case Update – The Commission discussed inviting the family to have a celebration in June to be combined with the Chester Kevitt awards. Commissioner Torrey volunteered to contact the family that donated the sword.

Canoe Preservation Update – Chairman Walker distributed a list of work that has been reviewed and discussed with the Planning Director. The list included checking for mold at the location of the old dehumidifier, removing the old lighting, new hinges for the door, new flooring, touching up the mural, and removing the valance. The Commission members discussed the options for possible updates and changes to the canoe enclosure and it was consensus to first get some professional advice before moving forward with anything. Ms. Lehrer said that she would follow up with the Inspector of Buildings regarding the mold.

A subcommittee to review the canoe case suggestions and to reach out to the Commonwealth Museum and the new Museum Association (NMA) was formed. Commission members Nancy, Cathy, Ed and Rod volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Commissioner Torrey said she would reach out to Dr. Kinney at the Commonwealth Museum and will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Granite Markers on Old Post Road – No updates.

Boy Scout Project – The proposal does not need to go to the Memorial Committee.

Emery Estate Discussion – Commissioner Torrey said that no of meetings of the advisory committee have been scheduled as of right now. Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan was frustrated that the building has fallen into despair and is fearful that that some people want the building to be torn down. Ms. Lehrer responded that it was not the Town's intention to tear the building down.

Historic Districts Highlighted on Town Map – Ms. Lehrer said that she is going to get some information to Commissioner Cameron to help with the mapping. She said she can scan the existing maps to the website but would really like to create an overlay layer for the property viewer. Ms. Lehrer will get the information to Ms. Cameron to help with entering the information into excel so that the historic districts are represented.

Announcements


Commissioner Torrey informed the Commission that the Abigail Adams Society is hosting a workshop for teachers on January 24 and 31. An event on slavery on the South Shore is scheduled for February 26 at the Fogg Library.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. was made by Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan and seconded by Commissioner Torrey and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:
Abby McCabe

Approved by:



Edward Walker, Chairman

Date