

Weymouth Historical Commission Record of Minutes and Proceedings

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March 10, 2015 Third Floor Conference Room Town Hall 75 Middle Street Weymouth, MA 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Ed Walker, Chairman

Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman

Nancy Cameron Mike Murphy Cathy Torrey

. Members Absent:

Don Mathewson

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Also Present:

Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator

Julie Burt, Recording Secretary

Thomas Nutley, Presenting in Regards to 1119 Front Street

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:05PM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lundin, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of February 23, 2015, as written.

Announcements

There will be a celebration of Massachusetts towns celebrating their 400th anniversary this year, of which Weymouth is one. All members of the Historical Commission are invited to attend this celebration on Monday, March 16, from 9AM to 3PM at Plimouth Plantation.

There was one application for a house plaque for Jaime Mathews of 33 Whitman Street. A motion to accept the application was made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted.

1119 Front Street Demolition Delay Final Decision

Mr. Nutley was present and stated that he went back to the architect and engineers on the project and they determined that the building is not worth saving. It has been infested with squirrels for some time and the granite foundation is in poor shape.

Mr. Nutley then presented updated plans of the new buildings. He stated that they will attempt to save the iron fencing that exists and if not, they will replace with a new fence that looks identical. They will incorporate a molding around the windows of the new buildings that will capture the look of the

original structure.

The members of the Commission were very pleased with these updates and were very appreciative to Mr. Nutley for doing this.

Chairman Walker asked Mr. Nutley if he could take some photographs of the existing building before it is demolished so there is a record of what was there.

Commissioner Cameron made a motion that Jeff Richard of the Building Department be instructed to issue the demolition permit for 1119 Front Street, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted.

Old Business

Sword Case Update

There was no update in regards to the Sword Case.

Canoe Case Update

Commissioner Lundin stated that he and Chairman Walker did a walkthrough and assessment of the Canoe Case with Edward Malouf of Content Design Collaborative, of Scituate.

. Mr. Malouf's recommendation was that the current case should be discarded and a new case and stand be built with the mural behind and to the left and right of the new case. A formal proposal will be submitted.

Commissioner Torrey raised the question in regards to considering somewhere else to display the Canoe.

There was a discussion by Commission members as to possible options for the future in regards to a new location of the Canoe.

It was decided that Commissioner Lundin will proceed with the new case and let Mr. Malouf know that the construction will have to take into account the ability to move the new case as the current location may not be the permanent location.

Emery Estate

Commissioner Torrey reported that the Trustees of Reservations are interested in managing the Emery Estate property and the Emery Estate Committee voted to proceed. Commissioner Torrey stated that she is very happy about this progress.

The Commission would like to communicate their wishes that the character and façade of the building be kept.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on April 14, 2015.

.Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:20PM was made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Burt

Edward Walker, Chairman

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4/14/2015 Date