

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

**April 11, 2017  
Fogg Library  
1 Columbian Square  
Fogg Library Room 1  
Weymouth, MA  
7:15 PM**

Members Present:     Ed Walker, Chair  
                             Rod Lundin, Vice Chair  
                             Cathy Torrey  
                             Mark Schneider  
                             Jenn Weiss Donovan

Absent Members:     Nancy Pendergast Cameron  
                             Mike Murphy

Also Present:           Jody Lehrer, Town Liaison

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Chairman Ed Walker

**Minutes:**

The February 2017 Minutes were approved per motion by Rod Lundin, second by Cathy Torrey. Note that the March meeting was cancelled due to weather.

**Old Business:**

Civil War Monument – North Weymouth Cemetery

Chairman Ed Walker noted that the Committee would like to see this monument refurbished in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the monument with a rededication in July 2018. Ed shared with the Commission members, a reprint of a book he found from the July 1868 monument dedication noting the original price to construct was \$3,200. He then reviewed the status of and current pricing for the restoration project.

400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Weymouth

Some discussion was held about the plans for this 2022 event, indicating that the Committee will be a diverse group of interested individuals, led by Committee Chair Jim Clark. The following items related to this 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, are either complete, or are expected to be in place by June 30th: 501c3 establishment; theme and logo approved; website names secured. One of the next steps will be to engage multiple community groups to assist in planning and carrying out the celebrations.

Mutton Lane

It was noted that a final ruling on the 4 Mutton Lane property would be forthcoming, and that in order to save the property, a majority of 5 votes or unanimous decision would be required. An update is expected at the May Commission meeting.

Further related conversation ensued with regard to the role of the Historical Commission's challenges in working to save buildings on the demolition delay list, noting a low success rate. An in depth discussion was held to clarify the interpretation of legal language pertaining to procedures for demo delay; this was tabled until a legal interpretation can be sought and revisited at a future meeting.

Emery Estate [added to agenda during meeting]

Cathy Torrey, on the Emery Estate Committee, noted that the Mayor and Committee are dedicated to preservation of this historic property. The Committee has broken into two sub-committees and will later reconvene with their collective information. The anticipated financial goal is for Emery Estate not to necessarily make money, but to simply support itself. Currently, Cathy is pursuing information on the historical easement.

Mooring Stone at 189 Sea Street [added to agenda during meeting]

The topic of the Mooring Stone was raised at this meeting, only to note that it should be removed from any future agendas due to no further significant action.

**New Business:**

Historic House Plaque Application at 161 Commercial Street

The house in question is a 2-1/2 story Federal style barn, originally owned by the Pratt family in 1810. Motion for approval of a plaque was made by Mark Schneider, seconded by Rod Lundin, all in favor.

Appointment to Cemetery Commission

Error on agenda as this item should have read appointment to CPC to name permanent member as Commissioner Schneider had been appointed in January 2016 as temporary member. Issue is the appear on agenda for May meeting.

Chet Kevitt Award Nominees

With a ceremony planned for June, some names were brought to the table for consideration, noting that this person does not have to be a Weymouth resident. Further discussion and vote will be held at the May Commission Meeting.

**Announcements:**


None

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2017 at the Fogg Library at 7:15pm. The date was changed and agreed upon as such, due to some conflicts with the second Tuesday in May.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm with a motion by Mark Schneider, second by Rod Lundin.

  
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Edward Walker, Chairman

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