Weymouth Historical Commission Record of Minutes and Proceedings

January 10, 2017
Fogg Library
1 Columbian Square
Fogg Library Room 1
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM

Members Present:

Ed Walker, Chair

Rod Lundin, Vice Chair

Cathy Torrey Mike Murphy Mark Schneider Jenn Weiss Donovan

Absent Members:

Nancy Pendergast Cameron

Also Present:

Jody Lehrer, Town Liaison

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by Chairman Ed Walker

Minutes:

The October, November, and December 2016 Minutes will be voted on at the February 2017 Commission Meeting.

Old Business:

Emery Estate

Member Cathy Torrey stated that the Emory Committee has been formed; however there is no definitive start/end date for this Committee. She also shared the public announcement indicating Emory Committee Members.

Town Map Weymouth Historic Districts

Member Nancy Pendergast Cameron was not present at the meeting for current update, discussion tabled until next month's meeting.

Civil War Monument

Chairman Ed Walker noted that he and Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, Mr. Robert Luongo reviewed a contractor's bid and scope which include completing the survey of existing conditions, performing both repair work and finish detailing of the monument. Discussion was held related to a cannon numbering system; Ed intends to pursue contact with an individual in Virginia pertaining to historical recording and the inclusion of a US Naval insignia. The Commission expressed interest in having record plaques completed in time for the 400th Anniversary celebration.

400th Anniversary of the Town of Weymouth

A kickoff meeting was held with Mayor Hedlund, attended by both Weymouth residents as well as guests from the Plymouth 400th group. Events and planning logistics were discussed. It was proposed that a separate non-profit group be established as process moves forward. Further, it was noted that all areas of Weymouth should be represented, with information gathered from both the 350th and 375th Anniversary celebrations.

Mooring Stone at 189 Sea Street

Some discussion was held related to a historic segment of stone delivered to Vice Chair Rod Lundin's home for determination of how best to historically display. The stone segment representative a larger piece utilized to tie up boats at one time. Additional dialogue is required.

Mutton Lane

A public hearing was conducted relative to the application for a demolition permit at 4 Mutton Lane. Commission members will postpone further discussion until February meeting.

New Business:

High School Local History Curriculum

Mike Murphy announced that Weymouth High School has will be hosting a local history course for which he will be developing a curriculum.

Historical Coin

Jody Lehrer, Town Liaison, presented the Commission members with information on a coin of historical significance that a resident would like to donate to the Town of Weymouth. The coin was found during a foundation excavation. Ms. Lehrer will contact Mr. Rob MacLean, Director of Library Services, to pursue the donation procedure.

Duties of the Commission

Committee Chair, Ed Walker, distributed a copy of the Massachusetts General Laws for Duties of the Commission for review of Historical Commission responsibilities.

Announcements:

Cathy Torrey announced that the Abigail Adams House would be open on January 12th, beginning at 6:30pm; all are welcome to attend the open house gathering.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2017 at the Fogg Library at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm with a motion by Cathy Torrey, second by Mike Murphy

Edward Walker, Chairman

2/14/2017 Date