Weymouth Historical Commission Record of Minutes and Proceedings

January 12, 2016
Tufts Library, Canoe Room
46 Broad Street
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM

Members Present:

Ed Walker, Chairman

Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman

Mark Schneider Cathy Torrey

Members Absent:

Nancy Cameron

Mike Murphy
Don Mathewson

Also Present:

Julie Burt, Recording Secretary

Jody Lehrer

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:04 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2015, meeting and the December 8, 2015, meeting were reviewed.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Lundin, and seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015, and the December 8, 2015, meetings, and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Reports

There was no new information to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Emery Estate

Commissioner Torrey stated that there is nothing new to report. The Emery Estate Advisory Committee is waiting to see how Mayor Hedlund would like to proceed.

Town Map Weymouth Historic Districts

Commissioner Cameron is continuing to work on the project.

Canoe Preservation Update

Chairman Walker stated that the case and surrounding area has been checked for mold and nothing was found. Chairman Walker stated that he would like to move forward on getting this project underway.

Jim Clarke was going to have a town employee perform the demolition work. The case, floor, glass, will be demolished and only the mural and canoe will be kept.

Jody Lehrer suggested that the Commission come up with specs for the project. This information will be required to be provided to Jim Clarke before the work can proceed. Jody stressed that Jim Clarke will not authorize any work unless he is clear on the specifics.

Jody Lehrer will bring the mold report to Jim Clarke's attention.

Commissioner Torrey stated that she would like to see a schematic of the project.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Lundin and seconded by Commissioner Torrey that the Commission wants to move forward with the reconstruction of the existing case housing the canoe, remove existing glass, secure canoe, install a new floor, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Jody Lehrer stated that she will speak with Jim Clarke, ask him to do a site visit, and talk to the DPW about performing the work.

Granite Markers on Old Post Road

Jody Lehrer will meet with Jim Clarke regarding the review and photos that Commissioners Cameron and Schneider worked on. There is still uncertainty in regards to the placement of the marker in the Jackson Square area.

Civil War Monument - North Weymouth Cemetery and Grant Funding

Commissioner Walker corrected the date of the original dedication. The date was 7/4/1868 not 7/4/1867.

Vice Commissioner Lundin is in the process of preparing a grant application to obtain funding for the restoration and rebuilding of the granite steps leading to the monument.

Commissioner Schneider stated that he would like to have the event be a public event regarding Weymouth in the Civil War.

- A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Lundin to try to obtain a grant from the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for restoration work relating to the Civil War Monument, and was seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment by WHC of Representative to Community Preservation Committee

Commissioner Mathewson has stepped down from his role as the Weymouth Historical Commission . Representative to the Community Preservation Committee.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Torrey to appoint Mark Schneider as the temporary replacement of Commissioner Mathewson as Weymouth Historical Commission Representative to the Community Preservation Committee, and seconded by Vice Chairman Lundin, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Announcements

Commissioner Torrey announced the the Abigail Adams Historical Society will be doing a presentation on Slavery on the South Shore in Hingham on February 7, 2016.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on February 9, 2016, at 7PM with the location to be determined.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:41PM was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Burt

Edward Walker, Chairman

Date