

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

**June 13, 2017
Weymouth Town Hall
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Jody Lehrer, Town Liaison

Call to Order:

The meeting was preceded by a ceremony to honor the Chet Kevitt Award recipient in the Mayor's Office, followed by the regularly scheduled meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission, called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ed Walker

Minutes:

Prior months meeting minutes to be reviewed and voted on at next Commission meeting. Jody Lehrer unable to attend 6/13 meeting.

Old Business:

Civil War Monument – North Weymouth Cemetery

Chairman Ed Walker reported that repairs/refurbishment costs to monument would be approximately \$140,000. Ed will meet with Bob Luongo to discuss fundraising options with Mayor Hedlund. A June/July 2018 rededication ceremony would be planned in commemoration of the monument's 150th Anniversary, further discussion required in Fall 2017 to meet this goal.

400th Anniversary of the Town of Weymouth

Committee member Mark Schneider reported that a meeting was held with the 400th Anniversary Committee earlier in the day. The 501c3 will be established shortly for the 2022 event and noted that several activities are planned leading up to the Anniversary, a timeline is forthcoming. Additionally, Mike Murphy is communicating with the Weymouth Schools about potential ways to get involved.

Mutton Lane

Chairman Ed Walker noted that the Planning Commission will place a restriction on the deed to engage a historical renovation Architect; the Zoning Board approved this action. Additionally, it was noted that a road may be placed next to the house solely for utilities. Next steps involve the Conservation Commission. The Weymouth Historical Commission may oversee the exterior renovations. Mr. David Deghetto, who attended the meeting, indicated to the Commission that he has experience with historic renovation of a similar

house in Halifax and knowledge of the property transaction with the Mutton Lane structure, including a meeting with the Owner and a recent sale. The Commission will pursue an update for the next meeting.

Emery Estate

It was reported that the structure is currently on demolition delay, listed as 860 Commercial Street. Mike Murphy made a motion on behalf of the Historical Commission to have the house stay, with a second from Rod Lundin, and Commission members all in favor. The ultimate decision is left to Mayor Hedlund who has previously asked an Emery Estate Advisory Committee to develop a 3-year business plan; which when voted upon, was agreed to unanimously. The report is not yet available. It was also noted in discussion that it will be anticipated that the property could/should be used approximately six times per month to support itself, including employ of a caretaker. Neighbors have expressed concern about traffic.

New Business:

Appointment to Community Preservation Committee

Currently, Mark Schneider participates on this committee, however, he indicated that while he is willing to continue, anyone else interested in the position should consider the role. After brief discussion, Mark was reappointed to the Community Preservation Committee.

Update on Weymouth Property Viewer

After a short discussion on the matter, further action was tabled until a future meeting following the Commission's resignation of Nancy Pendergast Cameron who was pursuing this agenda item.

Request for Future Agenda Topics

While not included in the June Agenda, it was requested that Fall 2017 meetings should include line items related to the Memorial Wall, Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, and Weymouth Heritage Park.

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for September 12, 2017 at the Fogg Library at 7:15pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm with a motion by Cathy Torrey, second by Rod Lundin.



Edward Walker, Chairman

10/10/2017
Date