

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

**November 14, 2017
Fogg Library – Rm 1
1 Columbian Street
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM**

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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ed Walker

Reports:

Commission members signed Certification of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Regulations.

Minutes:

May and October meeting minutes were reviewed and voted on, motion to accept by Mark Schneider, second by Mike Murphy, all in favor.

Old Business:

Civil War Monument – North Weymouth Cemetery

Mark Schneider reported that the Town is ready to make changes to the landscape in the monument area. To begin the Monument's 150th Anniversary Celebration, there will be a program at the Civil War Monument the second weekend in May as part of the 2018 lecture series; details forthcoming. The Commission members discussed options for reenactment and other particulars for the rededication events.

400th Anniversary of the Town of Weymouth

In conjunction with the Civil War Monument activities in May and rededication in the summer, the Town's lecture series will begin in April 2018 acting as a kickoff to the 400th Anniversary celebration preparation. Commission member, Cathy Torrey reported that the 400th Anniversary event now has its own 501(c)3 designation and has begun receiving donations. Branding and logo discussion is underway.

Mutton Lane

Minimal discussion was held as to the status of the 4 Mutton Lane property. There was a status report on observed repaving at the street and brief conversation about the homes with shared road and utilities.

Emery Estate

Committee member Cathy Torrey reported that there is current action proceeding on the park property, but nothing to date on the building. While the Emery Estate Committee has come up with a proposed business plan for the building to sustain itself within three years, opinions are still divided on whether to renovate/restore the estate building or to demolish. All are encouraged to voice their opinions and advocate for their desired outcome.

New Business:

Historic District Signs

Committee discussed a potential project involving adding signage to the five historic districts in Weymouth, which currently have no signs. The Weymouth Historical Commission will author a letter to Mayor Hedlund formally requesting that these signs be considered and/or approved in the near future. Further conversation is required to determine wording, lettering, design, etc. Rod Lundin made a motion that the Historical Commission contact the Mayor's Office, Mark Schneider seconded, all in favor.

Appointment to Community Preservation Committee

Currently, Mark Schneider participates on this committee, however, indicated that his term is ending. After a brief discussion, Mark Schneider made a motion to approve Cathy Torrey as his replacement, Mike Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor.

Weymouth Cemeteries

Some discussion was held by the Commission members about upkeep of the various cemeteries in Weymouth, as several are currently in disrepair and seemingly neglected. Further conversation will be held about the potential for Community Preservation Committee funding for repairs as well as research into ownership of these cemeteries.

Announcements:


None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 12, 2017 at the Fogg Library at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm with a motion by Mark Schneider, second by Rod Lundin.



Edward Walker, Chairman

12/12/2017

Date