

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

**September 21, 2016
Town Hall - Kelly Room
75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Ed Walker, Chairman
 Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman
 Nancy Pendergast-Cameron
 Mark Schneider
 Mike Murphy
 Jenn Weiss Donovan

Members Absent: Mark Scheider

Also Present: Jody Lehrer
 Members of the public

Call to Order

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

Minutes were not available for review.

Reports

There were no items to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Emery Estate

Commissioner Torrey stated there will be a meeting on the Emery Estate tomorrow (September 22) – it is public as all such meetings are. The Emery Estate Committee has decided to split the work relative to the property between work on the land and work on the house. Commissioner Torrey said that this means the work on the house is “mothballed” until later. Access to the house is off limits due to safety concerns.

Commissioner Torrey said that the funding for the land improvements is through the PARC Program, a state funding source that is used for assisting cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes.

Commissioner Torrey noted that there is no one who maintains an office inside the house. For reasons related to insurance on the property, at one point there was a person stationed at the house days.

Commissioner Torrey stated that separating the work on the land from the work on the house has allowed progress to be made.

Commissioner Lundin wants a maintenance plan or program adopted for the Emery Estate. He also said he wants the window that is currently boarded up to be replaced with window glass.

Town Map Weymouth Historic Districts

Commissioner Cameron said that the work on including information on the town's property view as to whether a property is located in a national historic district is now with the IT department. Members thanked Commissioner Cameron for her hard work on this project.

Canoe Preservation Update

Issues regarding the canoe are on hold pending construction of the new library.

Granite Markers on Old Post Road

Commissioner Cameron and Jody Lehrer visited the intended sites of the two historic markers that must be installed. Jody Lehrer said she would ask Kenan Connell at DPW if his staff would be able to move and then install the two granite markers in their intended locations.

Civil War Monument – North Weymouth Cemetery and Grant Funding

Commissioner Walker said that the work on the monument at the cemetery went very well. He said that additional CPC funds may need to be sought for asphaltting around the base of the monument. Presently, the asphalt is buckling.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Commissioner Lundin moved to nominate Commissioner Walker as chair. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Commissioners Lundin, Murphy, and Walker voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Cameron, Donovan, and Torrey voted against the motion.

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The motions failed. The commission will take up elections at the next meeting when, it is hoped, Commissioner Schneider will be in attendance with all other members.

Library

The members discussed that they would like to have display areas or a museum within the new library under development. There was discussion about whether the space for displays would allow for display of only town owned items or whether items owned by other private entities like the Weymouth Historical Society could be displayed there as well.

Commissioner Murphy expressed concern that historical items from other entities might not be able to be displayed at the library. He stated that it should not matter the source or ownership of the items, just that historical items be on view to the public.

Next Meeting

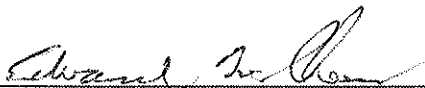
The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on October 11, 2016 at Fogg library if it is available. Commissioner Walker will look into this.

Adjournment

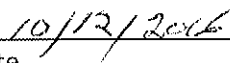
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Lehrer



Edward Walker, Chairman



Date