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WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
November 12th, 2013 Meeting
Francis Kelly Room/Weymouth Town Hall

- PRESENT: Chairman Ed Walker, Rodney Lundin, Don Mathewson and Cathy Torrey (arrived at 7:12 PM)
- ABSENT: Jody Purdy-Quinlan, Nancy Cameron and new member Erica Dumont
- ALSO PRESENT: Jody Lehrer/Community Development Coordinator, Office of Planning and Community Development

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Chairman Walker called the November 12th, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission to order at 7:07 PM.

As there was not a majority of members present at the beginning of the meeting it was decided that the meeting would be viewed as a business meeting - with discussion only and no votes taken.

II. Minutes

Minutes were tabled, as there was no quorum present at this time.

III. Reports - Town Liaison

Fogg Library Update on Interior Restoration Project

Ms. Lehrer reported that progress of the renovation work at the Fogg Library was looking good, referring to the work in the exterior and interior. She explained that the work on the interior was on schedule and the exterior work was moving along.

Pond Plain Civic Assoc. Improvements

Next Ms. Lehrer addressed the work taking place at the Pond Plain Civic Association facility - describing the renovation work progressing well including the roof work. She told members that the funding for this work were from two sources - Community Preservation Committee Funds and other Preservation funds.

Legion Field Update

At this point they are preparing for the 25% plans. A public meeting is set for early December with Mr. Clarke expected to be in attendance.

It was noted that additional information on these items could be found on line.

Town Recreation Fields

On November 20th there will be a Recreation Committee meeting for the purpose of looking at the use/status of meals tax funds - with money from this source being allocated to the Town's recreation fields.

Ms. Lehrer reviewed the amount of funding which included \$60,000 for recreation equipment, \$340,000 Weston Park/Great Hill/Great Esker and Stella Tirrell (the stone gateway).

Chairman Walker interjected that was a historical piece. He asked if money was going for turf and Ms. Lehrer replied not for the schools.

Cathy Torrey arrived. At 7:12 PM - and now a quorum was present and votes could be taken.

II. Minutes (cont'd)

Ms. Torrey moved to approve the minutes of the September 10th, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Lundin seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Minutes of the October 8th, 2013 meeting were tabled until the next meeting, as some members had not had a chance to review them.

Weymouth Diorama

(It was noted that they were not in receipt of the letter to sign re. the Weymouth Diorama.)

Mayor Kay has given her approval for disposal of the Map Diorama.

The Chairman will speak with the Historical Society first, then dispose of it.

Demo Delay re. 135 Randolph Street

Ms. Lehrer further reported that an application was received for demolition of property located at 135 Randolph Street - with the owner's plan to build a new home there. In order to move forward with this application a public hearing is required - and will need to be scheduled within 30 days of receipt of the request.

Further Ms. Lehrer stated that the ad re. the public hearing needs to be published in the newspaper in a timely manner, adding that the ad would be in the paper on 11/13/2013 (tomorrow).

Plans are to hold the public hearing prior to the Commission's December meeting on 12/03/2013. It was emphasized that a quorum of the Commission would be required to be in attendance for the public hearing. The plan is to hold the public hearing prior to the Commission's regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Kelly Room. Ms. Lehrer said she would also be posting the meeting/public hearing with the Town Clerk.

In addressing the law/process regarding a piece of property on the Demo Delay list, Chairman Walker explained that all of this information could be obtained on the Town's website/Planning Dept.-Weymouth Historical Commission.

Ms. Lehrer further explained that the Commission is required to make a determination - and if the members determine that the demolition of this property will not be detrimental, the applicant should be notified in writing within 7 days of the Commission's decision. But, if they decide it is determined to be detrimental (is a preferred preservation significant building), there can be no permit issued for a minimum of 6 months. She referred members to look at the bylaw: Town Ordinance under 'Demolition of Buildings' Sec. 7-201.

The Chairman asked each member to take a moment and go view the property.

Ms. Lehrer continued to explain the process, which included the need to give the owner of the property a 'certified notice' (which, she said, was mailed out this date).

Mr. Lundin asked if she knew who the owner/developer of the property was and Ms. Lehrer replied that the owner was Robert Maynard.

Chairman Walker interjected that under the Property Viewer - he found the name "Delahunt".

It was stated that all comments should be reserved until the public hearing.

IV. Old Business

Wessagusset Site Update

As Ms. Purdy-Quinlan who requesting this item be placed on the agenda, was not present this evening, so the item was tabled.

Fogg Library Update - Cont'd

Ms. Torrey reported that the Abigail Adams House made the December issue of America Life Magazine and was given a 6-page spread that included photos.

(It was noted copies could be purchased in bookstores.)

Ms. Torrey went on to say that there was an event held at the South Shore Hospital with over 50 people in attendance relating to Abigail Adams daughter, who died of breast cancer. She added that the featured speakers included the head of the Dana Farber Breast Cancer unit and a Harvard Professor. They spoke about how she would have been treated if her cancer was diagnosed today.

Ms. Torrey went on to say that the Abigail Adams Society was looking to host a re-enactment of this medical procedure that would have taken place in the 1800' (in full costume). During the re-enactment they would explain the medical procedure that was utilized at that time - and compare it to today's.

Mr. Lundin offered to do some research and speak with his re-enactment associates to see about helping out with the re-enactment.

In closing, Ms. Torrey, said that the South Shore Hospital was very pleased with the success/turnout of the event - and want to do another next year.

VI. Announcements

Next Meeting

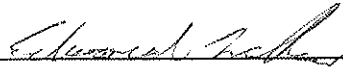
The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013 at 7 PM (with the public hearing re. 135 Randolph St. Demo Delay Hearing being addressed first).

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Lundin moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Ms. Torrey seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED


Ed Walker, Chairman, WHC


Date

Respectfully submitted,
Susan DeChristoforo
Recording Secretary