

Weymouth Historical Commission
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Thursday, November 13, 2014
Town Hall, Kelly Room
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02181

Members Present: Ed Walker, Chairman
Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman
Don Mathewson
Cathy Torrey
Jodi-Purdy Quinlan

Members Absent: Nancy Cameron

Also Present: Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
Abby McCabe, Recording Secretary

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historic Commission to order at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes:

On a motion made by Commissioner Lundin, seconded by Commissioner Mathewson, the Commission voted 3-0-1 (Purdy Quinlan abstained) to accept the minutes of October 14, 2014 as written.

Reports / Town Liaison:

Ms. Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator, reported that there will be a ribbon cutting for Brad Hawes Park in late November. Legion field construction is on schedule and will be substantially completed by the end of the year and open for use in spring 2015. Staff is also looking into a request from a relative looking for the location of a marker for George MacKenzie near Winter and Middle Streets.

New Business:

Boy Scout Project Presentation – Tim McPhee of troop 2 was present to review his Boy Scout project with the Commission. He is working on a memorial plaque to be at the original town hall and first school site and will be placed on a rock. Tim also plans to install a bench. He will next prepare the wording that will go on the plaque and then meet with the Memorial Committee. Tim will coordinate further with Planning Director, Jim Clarke. Commissioner Purdy Quinlan suggested using the Weymouth Granite from Bates Quarry.

Old Business:

Wessagussett Site Update – Commissioner Purdy Quinlan informed with the Commission that she met with the Mayor, Public Works Director, Planning Director, Conservation Administrator, and the Public Works Foreman to go over plantings, paths, and maintenance of the site. She believed the property is supposed to be zoned for Public Open Space and it is currently listed as R-1. Staff said they would look into this and check the old Town Meeting warrants to see if this zoning was amended and if it needs to be updated on the zoning map and property viewer (Sea Street Map: 4 block: 50 lot: 9).

Sword Case Update – Chairman Walker said he found the contact information for the family that donated the sword and asked if the Commission wanted to reach out to them and hold a little ceremony. It was suggested that this be combined with the Khet Chevitt awards in June.

Canoe Preservation Update – Mr. Bunker, the Art Director at the High School, said he has some students willing to work on the floor and the mural. Ed will connect with him further on the logistics and details.

Granite Markers on Old Post Road – The Chairman said that this was ongoing and there were no updates at this time.

Emery Estate Discussion – Commissioner Torrey informed the Commission that there were no updates at this time but the Advisory Committee is expected to meet soon and she will make sure the Commission is notified of the next meeting. The Commission strongly supports keeping and renovating the building.

Restoration of mural and Floor in large Canoe Case – Chairman Walker stated that this was in progress.

Canoe Preservation Project Display at Town Hall Case – Chairman Walker said that he will work with Commissioner Lundin and Mathewson to put a display of the canoe's preservation work on display in the case at Town Hall.

Announcements


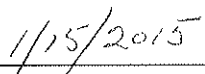
Ms. Lehrer informed the Commission that she is working on the Five Year Consolidated Plan to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2015. Every five years entitlement communities that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds must submit a five year plan to identify and assessment the community's needs and help guide how funding will be spent. Weymouth generally receives about \$630,000 in CDBG funds each year. She distributed a resident survey and encouraged everyone to complete and return to her or the department. The survey is also posted on the planning department's webpage.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Commissioner Torrey and seconded by Commissioner Lundin and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:
Abby McCabe

Approved by:

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Edward Walker, Chairman

Date