Weymouth Historical Commission Record of Minutes and Proceedings

October 13, 2015 Kelly Room Town Hall 75 Middle Street Weymouth, MA 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Ed Walker, Chairman

Nancy Cameron

Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman

Mark Schneider Cathy Torrey

Members Absent:

Mike Murphy

Don Mathewson

Also Present:

Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator

Julie Burt, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:01PM.

New Member

Mark Schneider was introduced to the members of the Commission as its newest member. He is a retired history teacher and stated that he is excited about the possibilities of being a member of the Commission.

Town Report

Jody let the members know that Jim Clarke will be retiring. Jody also communicated to the members of the Commission that two bids have been received pertaining to managing Emery Estate one from South Shore Support and one from Brand Knowledge. She also let the members know that the King Phillips' Eagle Scout project has been completed.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 2015 and May 2015 meetings were presented and reviewed. There being no corrections, a MOTION was made by Commissioner Torrey, and seconded by Vice Chairman Lundin to accept the minutes of the April 2015 and May 2015 meetings of the Historical Commission, and unanimously voted.

Member Resignation

A letter of resignation submitted by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan was distributed to the members. All members present at the meeting were in receipt of the letter.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Torrey to send a letter of thanks to Ms. Purdy-Quinlan for her many years of service as a member of the Historical Commission, and seconded by Commissioner Cameron, and unanimously voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Emery Estate Discussion

Commissioner Torrey reported that there was a meeting last week with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce in regards to a cultural tour and they were asked to visit Emery Estate this was well received. Commissioner Torrey is excited about the possibilities and restoration. Chairman Walker asked if there is anyone on site and Commissioner Torrey stated that there are currently two offices. He also asked if a meeting could be held there. She stated that the bathrooms are not accessible and because of the public meeting status a meeting could not be held there.

The bids that have been received in response to the RFP are to manage the building and grounds and are pending review.

Historic Districts Highlighted on Town Map

Commissioner Cameron talked to Garrett and will be meeting with him in the next week. Commissioner Cameron is putting the data into a spreadsheet and then Garrett will put the data into the online property viewer. The notations are pertaining to if the property is in a historic district and if it is contributing or not contributing.

Vice Chairman Lundin asked if a map with the historic districts could be put on the town website. Jody Lehrer stated that the maps are not usable and readable when transferred to the website.

Mishoon Case/Canoe Preservation Update

Chairman Walker stated that he spoke with the Director of the library and there would not be a problem to take the case down and mount the mishoon on the table top as well as preserve the mural on the back and put the mishoon on the table top.

There was some discussion regarding the opportunity to relocate the mishoon from the basement of the Tufts library due to its relevance.

Vice Chairman Lundin made a MOTION to keep the mishoon where it is now—the basement of the Tufts Library—and work on improving the display and moving forward with a workable plan, and was seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted.

Commissioner Torrey will verify the plan with the library and trustees and take the photo that President Walker shared.

The current mishoon case will be dismantled and the murals will try to be saved.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Torrey made a MOTION to take the granite marker on the corner of Broad Street and Washington Street and relocate it to its proper location at Washington Street and Commercial Street at the bottom of the hill, and seconded by Vice Chairman Lundin, and unanimously voted.

The second marker location will be further investigated and a determination on where to place it will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Weymouth 400th Anniversary

Commissioner Torrey reported that the 400th Anniversary of Weymouth is approaching. She recommended that the Commission work to get the town's historical buildings on the National Register as part of the upcoming celebration/birthday.

On October 24, Tufts Library's 50th Anniversary will be celebrated and a number of historic articles, that are part of the library's collection, will be displayed.

Election of Officers

Chairman

Commissioner Torrey nominated Ed Walker to continue as Chairman, and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron, and unanimously voted.

Vice Chairman

Commissioner Cameron nominated Rod Lundin to continue as Vice Chairman, and was seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted.

Curator

Chairman Walker nominated Nancy Cameron to continue as Curator, and was seconded by Commissioner Torrey, and unanimously voted.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:00PM was made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Cameron, and unanimously voted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on November 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Burt

Edward Walker, Chairman