

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

**Monday, September 8, 2014  
Town Hall, Kelly Room  
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02181**

**Members Present:** Ed Walker, Chairman  
Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Cameron  
Don Mathewson  
Cathy Torrey  
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan  
Erica Dumont

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator  
Abby McCabe, Recording Secretary  
Brandon DuFresne, Found Legends Restorations

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historic Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Staff Reports:**

Ms. Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator, reported that the Legion Field renovation work is underway and moving along on schedule, photographs of the construction are available on the website. Discussions with Town staff and non-profits are ongoing to discuss options to manage the Emery Estate property and programs but no decisions or agreements have been reached at this time. A public meeting on park improvements at Bradford Hawes Park took place recently and improvements are to be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Lehrer showed the Commission the park's design plans for playground and field improvements as well as moving the existing plaque for Brad Hawes closer to the baseball field and walkway. New gates and signage have been installed at the Stella Tirrell Park, The Fogg Library renovation project is almost closed out with only punch list items remaining, and a Zoning Board of Appeals application was received for the redevelopment of 1199 Commercial Street former school building into residential units. Ms. McCabe informed the Commission that the public hearing opened at the Zoning Board's last meeting on September 3 for 1199 Commercial Street and was continued to the Board's October 1 meeting. Ms. Lehrer informed the Commission that they received a letter from William J. Pepe about the historic Holbrook Homestead House and the Commission agreed that the Commission should thank Mr. Pepe for the letter and let him know the Commission would take his suggestions under advisement. The five historic plaques approved this year have been ordered and once the plaques are complete a presentation ceremony with the Mayor, the Commission, and the homeowners will be scheduled.

**Old Business:**

**Wessagussett Site Update:**

Commissioner Purdy-Quinlan informed the Commission that since the last meeting she met with the Mayor, the Conservation Administrator, the Planning Director, Public Works Director, and Public Works Foreman about having the Wessagussett site landscaped. The DPW recently

helped spread the mulch and the Town is looking into having routine landscape maintenance for the site throughout the year.

**Fogg Library Update on Interior Restoration:**

This item was discussed earlier in staff reports that the project close out is nearing completion.

**Sword Case for McCulloch USMC Dress Sword:**

Commissioner Lundin informed the Commission that the glass has been ordered and is expected to be completed by the next meeting. Once the sword case is completed a ceremony can be arranged and the family that donated the sword should be contacted. Commissioner members and staff discussed how to contact the donors as no one had their contact information. Commissioner Dumont suggested creating a form for the Commission to receive gifts so that all donations and gifts can be tracked. Staff will check the minutes to see if further details on the donors were included at the time they attended the meeting and donated the sword last September.

**New Business:**

**Canoe Preservation Project Update:**

Brandon DuFresne of Found Legends Restoration was present and gave an update on the status of the canoe's preservation. He said they were almost done with the preservation work and were getting ready to move in the new glass case this week when it was discovered that the Historical Society's dollhouse needs to be moved to allow the new case to be maneuvered into the glass enclosure that houses the canoe. Arrangements have been made for movers to come on Wednesday morning on September 10 to move the dollhouse so Mr. DuFresne can complete the job. Found Legends will be submitting to the Commission their findings based on the preservation work over the last several weeks. He summarized that the mishoon is one of the oldest that is still intact and estimates it is from the 1600s. Mr. DuFresne added that during the restoration work he realized the mural surrounding the canoe was fading and suggested the Commission partner with the High School's lead art teacher, Eric Bunker, to have art students update the mural.

Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Cameron, made a motion for the Commission to contact the High School to inquire about having art students update the mural surrounding the canoe, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman Walker added that the 15 minute audio recording regarding the canoe will also be updated. Commissioner Torrey suggested the Commission sponsor a lecture from Brandon and Found Legends in the canoe room for the public explaining the preservation work and his findings.

**Wilder House:**

The Chairman informed the Commission that the historic Wilder House on Commercial Street [872] across from Legion was for sale.

**Granite Markers on Old Post Road:**

Commissioner Dumont reported that she has done some research on the old post markers since the last meeting and is still investigating who and when exactly they were installed.

**Election of Officers for 2015**

On a motion made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Cameron, the Commission nominated Ed Walker to be Chairman, by a vote of 6-0-1 (Ed Walker abstained).

On a motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, the Commission nominated Commissioner Lundin to be Vice Chairman, by a vote of 7-0.

On a motion made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Torrey, the Commission nominated Commissioner Cameron to be the Curator, by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Torrey asked that the Emery Estate be on the next meeting agenda. She informed the Commission that the advisory commission met recently and had some updates and concerns regarding the current condition of the property. The Historic Commission should review and provide input and recommendations to the Advisory Committee on the Emery Estate property.

**Minutes**

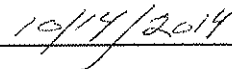
On a motion made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, the Commission approved the meeting minutes from June 17, 2014 as written by a 6-0 vote (Dumont was out of the room for the vote).

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lundin and seconded by Commissioner Torrey and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Abby McCabe

Approved by:



Edward Walker, Chairman

Date