

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2006 Town Hall – Kelly Room

PRESENT: Chairman—Ted Clarke; Tom Curtis; Mary Dorey; Richard Pattison; Steve Puleo; also Jim Clarke; Jody Lehrer; Dennis Walsh, Eagle Scout Candidate; Rich Carlson, Troop 92 Counselor

ABSENT: Jodi Purdy-Quinlan; Ed Walker

Ted Clarke called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

I. Chairman-Projects

Ted Clarke stated that there are projects of several types in regards to the Commission. Some are done in cooperation with the town, and some are done on a volunteer basis by Commission members. He encouraged anyone who would like to take on a project as a volunteer to step forward at any time.

II. Minutes

There was discussion regarding some changes to the January 10, 2006, minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Dick Pattison to accept the minutes of January 10, 2006, as amended and was seconded by Mary Dorey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Jim Clarke provided Commission members with minutes from December 2003 and asked that the members read in anticipation of approval at the March meeting.

III. Reports

A. Eagle Scout Project

Tom Curtis reported on the Eagle Scout Project. Dennis Walsh, Eagle Scout Candidate, and Rich Carlson, Troop 92 Counselor, were present. They are in the process of getting everything together for the District Committee approval. Rich Carlson stated that the Troop Committee has approved the project pending the scope of project. Steve Puleo commented that a natural place for the proposed “map” would be past the railing at the parking lot area.

Jim Clarke will speak with the DPW to alert them to this potential project. Jim Clarke will also present this to the Mayor. Jim Clarke further stated that while the handicapped accessibility point is a worthwhile goal, he does not believe it is a requirement.

Mary Dorey asked if the “map” will be an obstruction of the view in any way, to which the response was “no.”

Members were in agreement that the map will show the current view of the Boston Harbor Islands as well as an outline of how things would have appeared around 1776.

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B. Town Liaison

1. Sea Street

Jim Clarke stated that Ken Ryder has received a scope of services for Phase II from Wendy Fronteiro. The Commission will serve as quality control as the process moves along.

2. Archival Consultant

Jody Lehrer reported that the consultants have kept to their schedule of site visits. The Abigail Adams Society stated that they felt their records were in good shape and didn't need review.

The first invoice for the first half of the grant has been sent.

Motion: Steve Puleo made a motion to allow submission of the interim report for the remaining archival grant funds and was seconded by Mary Dorey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Jody Lehrer stated that \$250 cash contribution will be needed prior to the completion of the grant.

Mary Dorey spoke to a grant writer at the school, Jane Killenger, who is available to consult for a few hours in regards to writing grants for the Commission.

Jody Lehrer also volunteered her willingness to help the Commission with grant writing.

3. 660 Middle Street

Jim Clarke stated that this staff is looking at options to preserve the house, possibly by moving it. They toured the house in mid-January.

Ms. Cignarella is up-to-date on the process.

4. Other

Greenbush—Jim Clarke reported that due to the mild winter, the project is moving forward. The track work is being done and the Landing work is proceeding. Service is expected in mid-2007.

The Grange will be up for auction again in the spring pending the resolution of a title issue.

C. Additional Reports

Community Preservation Act-The ordinance is being worked on and will be submitted to the Town Council by the Mayor.

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Chester Kevitt Award-The preliminary date is set for the second Tuesday in May at 6:30PM in the Mayor's Office with the Weymouth Historical Commission's regular monthly meeting to be held immediately following at 7:00 PM.

Motion: Dick Pattison made a motion to propose the presentation of the Chester Kevitt Award on May 10, 2006, at 6:30PM and was seconded by Mary Dorey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

IV. Other Business

1. Associate Members

The subject of Associate Membership was raised for discussion by Dick Pattison. An Associate Member is a member of the Commission without voting power.

Ted Clarke will draft a short piece for review as a possible amendment to the Town Ordinance in regards to Associate Membership on the Weymouth Historical Commission and send to Jim Clarke. This document can be submitted ahead of the March meeting and placed on the agenda for action at the March meeting.

2. Greenbush Mitigation Funds

Jim Clarke stated that there is money to spend from Greenbush. A total of \$250,000 has been earmarked for Parks/Playgrounds along the Greenbush line. Ten percent of the \$250,000 is earmarked for the Historical Commission for the work to secure future national historic districts in Weymouth. Jim Clarke suggested that Sea Street be completed first and then the Commission can look to other sites once Sea Street is done.

It was agreed that the review of the four areas being considered for historic district designation with dollars from the Greenbush Mitigation Funds, be placed on the agenda for the April meeting. The areas are: Weymouth Landing, Abigail Adams/First Church, Unicorn Avenue, Jackson Square.

Dick Pattison asked Jim Clarke about the nominations for the CPA. Jim Clarke will confirm who appoints the member of the Commission to the CPA committee.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 7:00 PM.

V. Adjournment

Motion: Dick Pattison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM and was seconded by Mary Dorey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Julie S. Burt
Recording Secretary

Ted Clarke
Chairman