

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES MAY 9, 2006 Town Hall – Kelly Room

PRESENT: Chairman—Ted Clarke; Tom Curtis; Mary Dorey; Dick Pattison; Steve Puleo; Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

ABSENT: Ed Walker

OTHERS: Jim Clarke, Planning Director
Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
John Parnaby, Housing Rehab. Coordinator
Eunice Kim of The Patriot Ledger

Ted Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2003 meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission were distributed to members by Jim Clarke with a request that they be reviewed in anticipation of a vote at the June meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2006, meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission, and was seconded by Steve Puleo.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

II. Reports

A. Town Liaison

1. Sea Street Public Hearing

Jim Clarke stated that a public meeting will be conducted in regards to Sea Street. People who live within the district will be notified and Mass Historical and the Historical Preservationist will be present at the public meeting. Jim Clarke stated that the members of the Commission will act as the MCs. The meeting will highlight the homes and have a question and answer period. Jim Clarke proposed June 6, 2006 at 7PM at the Whipple Center for this meeting.

2. Archival Consultant

Jody Lehrer stated that the final draft from the Archival Consultants is due mid-May. Jody Lehrer distributed a draft email for review by the members of the Commission to be sent to stakeholders announcing a follow-up meeting with the archival consultants to review findings and next steps as well as how stakeholders can best share and publicize their historical records holdings. This meeting is required before the final report is submitted to the state. Jody Lehrer proposed holding the meeting on June 13, 2006 at 7PM during the regular Historical Commission meeting.

3. 660 Middle Street

John Parnaby, Housing Coordinator for the Town of Weymouth, gave an initial presentation of the possibility of relocating and rehabilitating the house located at 660 Middle Street as an affordable housing unit. John Parnaby stated that initially he feels this is a workable project. The first step is to put together the project pro-forma. He further stated that a great deal of work will be involved. He would like to go ahead with the first step which is an architectural and engineering survey. Dick Pattison asked if the bee hive oven in the basement of the property could be taken piece by piece to the new location. Jim Clarke stated that the next step will be to hire a consultant to look at the complete structure and make recommendations. Jim Clarke also stated that Mass Historical will be involved as well as someone with an archeological background. Jodi Purdy-Quinlan stated that she would like to see the cellar preserved even if it can't be moved and not demolished but rather sealed off.

Motion: Dick Pattison made a motion that the Weymouth Historical Commission endorses the relocation and rehabilitation of the property located at 660 Middle Street as an affordable housing unit and was seconded by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

4. Associate Member Provision

Jim Clarke stated that he will have the draft ordinance within the next month.

5. Lovell's Grove

Jim Clarke stated that the open space at the Fore River Power Station is now open to the public and looks great. The interpretive plaques are the next step and Jim Clarke encouraged members of the Commission to call or email him with thoughts.

6. Arthur Valens' Paintings

Jim Clarke let the group know that he has four paintings done by Arthur Valens.

B. Additional Reports

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan stated that May 6, 2006 is the anniversary of the preservation of the Wessagussett site. She has a wish list that she would like to send to Jim Clarke. She will speak with Mary Ellen Schloss regarding the Japanese bamboo that is growing on the site, which is an invasive species.

Tom Curtis reported that full approval has been granted for the Eagle Scout project with the addition of constructing two benches as part of the project. The work will begin in June and must be completed by July 21, 2006. Tom Curtis will provide the group with an update at the June meeting.

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 7:00 PM.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Tom Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM and was seconded by Steve Puleo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Julie Santacroce Burt
Recording Secretary

Ted Clarke
Chairman