

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
June 10, 2008 Meeting
Whipple Center
Minutes

Present: Ted Clarke/Chairman, Mary Dorey and Tom Curtis

Not Present: Richard Pattison, Ed Walker, Steve Puleo and Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

Also Present: Jody Lehrer/Community Development Coordinator, Office of Planning and Community Development

Chairman Clarke called the June 10, 2008 meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission to order at 7:00PM.

REPORTS

Ms. Lehrer advised the board of the request to establish two historic districts in the town of Weymouth. Currently she is waiting on the registration papers from Hal and Timothy Orway. Papers are due on August 1, 2008. Both consultants are making good progress with the paperwork.

Ms. Lehrer advised that one consultant has been hired for the 43 Bicknell Road project. Ms. Lehrer has submitted a letter to proceed to Barbara Donahue.

Ms. Lehrer advised the committee that she has received another application for an Historical Plaque from Kristen McCray for a home at 120 Randolph Street. The application states that the home was built in 1750.

CPC PROJECTS

Mr. Curtis reported that the only pertinent CPC project that is moving forward is the Abigail Adams Home. A consultant has been hired. A study fee of \$125 was awarded for the study of the rehabilitation of the house only.

PRESENTATION OF HOUSE PLAQUES

Mr. Clarke stated that the house plaques are a new project started by Ms. Dorey. Mr. Clarke presented four plaques to the following people:

- 1) *John and Donna Marie Ott – 2 plaques (barn and house)*
11 Lorraine Street
- 2) *Muriel Hoffman*
The Whittemore House
104 Front Street
- 3) *Tiffany Riley and Charles Helen III*
96 Hollis Street

An accompanying certificate was also present to the owners.

Mr. Clarke asked the owners if they would like to say anything for the record regarding the historical significance of their homes.

Mr. John Ott stated that he and his wife first became interested because of their barn. Neighbors have told them that the barn was once part of The Underground Railroad. This is a fact that has not been verified as yet. The house dates back to 1898.

Ms. Hoffman stated that Channel 11 recently interviewed her and took video of the home. The Whittemore House was built in 1800. Ms. Hoffman stated that at one time Elliott Richards once lived in this home. Before streets and highways Front Street was the main route through Weymouth.

Mr. Clarke stated that the plaques were made by Michael McCarty at Yankee Woodworking.

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mr. Clarke discussed the possibility of establishing a local historic district; a district with more restrictions at Front Street and Meeting House. Changes to properties would have to be submitted for approval before they are made.

Mr. Curtis suggested a change to the verbiage to no more than 120 days. Ms. Dorey stated that she would be interested in exploring the idea a little more.

Mr. Curtis stated that he has concerns that Weymouth will become "like Hingham". Mr. Curtis stated that he will not be in favor of restrictions similar to those in Hingham.

Mr. Clarke stated that this topic will be continued at the next meeting.