

# WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2006

Whipple Center

**PRESENT:** Chair—Ted Clarke, Tom Curtis, Mary Dorey, Steve Puleo, Jodi Purdy-Quinlan

**ABSENT:** Jim Clarke, Dick Pattison, Ed Walker

**OTHERS:** Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator

Ted Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### I. Minutes

***Motion:*** A motion was made by Steve Puleo to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2003, meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission, and was seconded by Tom Curtis.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

***Motion:*** A motion was made by Steve Puleo to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2006, meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission, and was seconded by Tom Curtis. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

### II. Reports

#### A. Eagle Scout Project

Dennis Walsh was before the Commission to present the proposed text for the Great Hill map. The members of the Commission took a few moments to read the document. Jodi Purdy-Quinlan stated that a letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams should be quoted and used in the section on Grape Island. The members of the Commission agreed. Dennis has this letter and will make the changes. Once he has done this, he and Tom Curtis will meet this week to review the final document and then Dennis will proceed towards completion of the project.

The members of the Commission thanked Dennis Walsh for his contribution to the town.

***Motion:*** A motion was made by Steve Puleo to accept the text for the Great Hill Eagle Scout Project with the requested changes and was seconded by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

#### B. 660 Middle Street

Jody Lehrer provided a report on 660 Middle Street on behalf of John Parnaby who was unable to attend the meeting. Jody distributed copies of the RFQ to the members of the Commission. Steve Puleo had a question regarding figures provided at the last meeting as opposed to current figures. It appears that there is a \$435,000 difference, which was the figure originally associated with the historical element of the project. Jody will check with John Parnaby and get back to the Commission with clarification on this issue.

### **C. Associate Membership**

Nothing to report.

### **D. Pilgrim Church**

Jody Lehrer reported on behalf of Jim Clarke that a site plan review has been conducted and approved with conditions in regards to placing a communication tower in the bell tower steeple of the Pilgrim Church.

### **E. Weymouth Day**

Jody Lehrer relayed a request from Mayor Madden to the Commission as to whether or not the Commission, as they have in the past, will participate in the Weymouth Day activities this year.

## **III. Additional Reports**

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan stated that she has been in contact with an archeological photographer at Harvard University who has offered to take photographs of 660 Middle Street free-of-charge. Jodi will contact Jim Clarke to discuss this opportunity.

## **IV. Documentary Grant Assessment**

Alexandra Rollins and Rachael Onuf were before the Commission to discuss their final report. The following stakeholders were also present: Liz Murphy, Library; Hope Patterson, First Church; Alexandra Smith Unitarian Universalist Church; Joseph Rull, Weymouth Public Schools

The consultants agreed that the best way for the town to preserve and share its records will be through a collaborative format.

It was suggested as a following next step to enter all the data currently on paper forms into electronic format. This would be a good first step for the town to undertake as the next phase of the overall undertaking.

Alexandra stated that funding sources should also be looked at from sources such as local corporations, foundations, and industries that already have a local connection to Weymouth.

Jodi Purdy-Quinlan suggested that a brainstorming meeting be scheduled to coordinate how to go forward.

Mary Dorey suggested having Weymouth High School students participate in this work.

#### **IV. Elections**

##### **Chair, Weymouth Historical Commission**

Motion: A motion was made by Steve Puleo to re-elect Ted Clarke as the Chair of the Weymouth Historical Commission and was seconded by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

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##### **Vice Chair, Weymouth Historical Commission**

Motion: A motion was made by Mary Dorey to re-elect Jodi Purdy-Quinlan as the Vice Chair of the Weymouth Historical Commission and was seconded by Steve Puleo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

#### **V. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 7:00 PM.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

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

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Julie Santacrocce Burt  
Recording Secretary

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Ted Clarke  
Chair