

# **SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

March 1, 2016

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

Second Floor Conference Room

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin; Richard Smith; Shannon Phelan; Bill Joyce; Kim Barry; Jean Reardon
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	Justina Oliver, Jason Mahler
<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u></b>	None
<b><u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u></b>	7:05 PM
<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u></b>	Discussion of the report was deferred until the April meeting due to the absence of the Treasurer (Justina Oliver).
<b><u>MINUTES:</u></b>	With the exception of adding new members' names, minutes for the Commission's February 2, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Richard, as seconded by Sylvia.
<b><u>JOHNSON PARK REDESIGN:</u></b>	The Commission engaged in a teleconference with students of Tufts University regarding the Johnson Park Redesign Project. The students requested input from the Commission regarding ideas for incorporating elements from the site's former usage as part of the New Ocean House Hotel. The Commission reviewed old postcards and photographs of the space that now includes the park and suggested ideas for encouraging the use of the park as a gathering place for the public, such as incorporating a picnic area, gazebo, arbors, and benches. The Commission discussed the fact that the excedra is in need of repair but should be preserved as a historical element.
<b><u>MASTER PLAN:</u></b>	The Commission discussed potential changes to the "Historical and Cultural Resources" section of the Draft Master Plan, including the following: adding

	other groups, such as the Yacht Club and MBTA, to Action 1.1.2; establishing a regular schedule for implementation of Action 1.1.3; adding the Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee to Action 1.1.3; and modifying the language in Action 2.2.3 to emphasize the need to hire a part-time administrative professional to assist the Commission.
<u>PRESERVATION GRANT:</u>	Sylvia explained that, because the preservation grant used to fund payments to the preservation consultant is a reimbursement grant, the Town will first need to make the expenditure in the form of payment to the consultant, and then will be reimbursed by the MHC. Sylvia drafted a request to the town for \$10,000 in funding to cover the reimbursement, and members of the Commission signed the request.
<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT/ OPEN SPACE UPDATES:</u>	Richard reported that the LHD is in process for the Rockland Street Historical District.
<u>57 ROCKLAND STREET DEMOLITION PERMIT REQUEST:</u>	Richard reported that, based on a walk-through of the site and discussions with the owner, there may be the potential to create new construction on the lower portion of the lot, thereby preserving the priority elements of the streetscape and shape of the building.
<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	The Commission discussed the current status of the White Court property. Susan reported that the property is listed by CBRE of Boston and is being marketed for hotel, residential, or educational usage.
<u>OLD SENIOR CENTER:</u>	The Commission discussed research being performed on the history of the Old Senior Center.
<u>GE STREET LIGHTING:</u>	Regarding the donation of new (decorative) street lighting for Humphrey Street, Sylvia stated that she may be able to obtain contact information for a person at GE with whom to submit a request for a donation.
<u>NEW OFFICE:</u>	The Commission discussed the fact that the Town is in the process of acquiring a disabled access ramp prior to the move to the Old Police Headquarters.

<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	April 5, 2016
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, on behalf of  
Jason A. Mahler, Secretary