

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, February 2, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Franceska O'Reilly, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Paul Feldman (Davis, Malm & D'Agostine); Angela Ippolito; Marzie Galazka
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2023, AND JANUARY 11, 2023</u>	Minutes of January 5, 2023, as amended, unanimously approved.  Minutes of January 11, 2023, as amended, unanimously approved (R. Judkins and K. Barry abstained).
3. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	February issue of <i>Swampscott Neighbors</i> released with article on Swampscott Yacht Club; March issue to feature article on original 1861 town hall.  N. Schultz will give introduction for Black History Month celebration on February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  N. Schultz met with Pam Peterson of Marblehead Historical Commission regarding collaboration on interpretive sign for Glover property.  N. Schultz attended inaugural meeting of Eastern Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition, which has resources available for Commission projects.

	<p>Commission awarded Massachusetts Cultural Council Cultural Sector Recovery Grant, details forthcoming.</p> <p>Commission has been asked to draft annual report for town budget purposes. N. Schultz will draft.</p>
4. <u>GENERAL GLOVER DEVELOPMENT</u>	<p>Paul Feldman and Angela Ippolito offered updates on development. Demolition likely to begin August 2023. Planning Board hearing on site plan scheduled for February 13, 2023. Commission discussed obtaining site inspection prior to that hearing to determine if original structures are salvageable. N. Schultz has spoken with Structures North regarding that evaluation. Motion to permit N. Schultz to retain Structures North for this purpose, using funds (up to \$2,500) from MCC grant, was seconded and unanimously approved. Concerns were raised over safe property access, given condition of buildings, presence of asbestos, etc.</p> <p>P. Feldman stated developer willing to work with Commission on reuse/movement of any salvageable structures, but there is no space on site for temporary storage of structures.</p> <p>K. Barry raised issue of archaeological digs, to be targeted to locations on the property known to have had activity historically. She indicated such digs would be minimally disruptive to development. P. Feldman stated developer is willing to work with Commission on this.</p> <p>A. Ippolito prepared initial list of conditions to become part of the Planning Board's decision on the Glover development, based on prior input from Commission. Commission discussed the specific conditions and clarified certain items at request of P. Feldman. Flagstones (tiles) to be used as pavers in garden area. Sundial to be moved and incorporated into landscape on property. P.</p>

	<p>Feldman confirmed that four wrought iron lamp posts will be incorporated into garden area. Wrought iron fencing will not be used functionally due to safety concerns per P. Feldman, but can be incorporated as decorative pieces. P. Feldman confirmed that developer will fund historic inventory of site to complete Massachusetts Historical Commission Form B.</p> <p><b>J. Leamon agreed to draft revised condition language, based on discussion.</b></p>
5. <u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u>	<p>Account balances are unchanged (\$4,000.00 in general fund, \$2,546.61 in revolving fund). There is a pending expense of \$300.00 to reimburse Lisa Mausolf for research work which Commission previously approved, to come from general fund.</p> <p>Commission discussed use of funds that expire at the end of the fiscal year. Commission could use some funds to retain archivist Jane Ward to perform further work on collection. N. Schultz confirmed J. Ward’s rate remains the same as for prior work she performed for Commission.</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
6. <u>PLAQUE PROGRAM AND PRESERVATION AWARDS</u>	<p>J. Oliver will revise application for 2023 Preservation Award, to be posted on town website and shared via Facebook. The deadline to apply will be in April so that Commission can review applications at May meeting.</p>
7. <u>INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE</u>	<p>Property owners neighboring White Court/Blythswood have posted “private property” signs that discourage access to public way. Neighborhood residents are using parking spots designated for use for accessing public way. Commission and Marzie Galazka discussed the need for clear signage identifying public versus private areas. Wayfinders are planned which will better</p>

	identify public path, which currently is difficult to locate. M. Galazka will speak with Gino Cresta about temporary signage identifying (1) two parking spaces and (2) public path. Permanent signage is part of a long-term plan for branding public ways in Swampscott.
8. <u>35 PITMAN AND 53 PURITAN UPDATES</u>	Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on 53 Puritan Road postponed until February 28, 2023.
9. <u>TRAIN STATION UPDATE</u>	M. Galazka confirmed town is working with MBTA on long-term lease.
10. <u>HOTELS EXHIBITION</u>	Town forced to cancel opening of hotels exhibition due to weather. Commission discussed rescheduling, and nature of event (brunch, evening, etc.). Commission will try to reschedule for March 3, 2023, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Town administrator has agreed to provide funds for refreshments.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
11. <u>FISHING EXHIBITION AND MINNEHAHA RESTORATION</u>	J. Leamon shared photos of current state of Minnehaha ship model. He has contacted potential restorer, but cost is \$2,800 - \$3,400. Commission discussed other possible restoration resources/personnel. J. Leamon and K. Barry will seek further bids for restoration.
12. <u>MEETING LOCATION</u>	Remote meeting rules expire in March 2023. Commission discussed potential locations for in-person meetings (including police station and library), as well as potential for hybrid meetings. <b>Further discussion to be held during March 2023 meeting.</b>
	Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.
<u>NEXT MEETING</u> : Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.	Commission has agreed by consensus to continue to meet via Zoom until current rules expire.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brad W. Graham, Secretary  
Swampscott Historical Commission