

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2017

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Bill Joyce, Bill Travascio, Kim Barry, Richard Smith, Shannon Phelan, Paula Pearce, Sylvia Belkin
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	None
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:02 pm
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on March 21, 2017 were unanimously approved, as corrected with edits, after a motion by Bill T., as seconded by Kim.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Kim reported that the account contains \$979.00.
<u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u>	Richard reported that there were no significant updates from the Open Space Committee. The Historic District Commission has discussed methods of positive marketing for preservation-related issues, such as creation of a Friends of the Olmsted District.
<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	Richard has done some conceptual planning in terms of which buildings to tear down and which to keep. The White Court Task Force has been brainstorming regarding possible uses of the property. The Town Administrator suggested having a town picnic or open house at the property. The Swampscott Foundation has 501(c)3 charity framework in place to possibly collect donations. The town is also considering leasing the property.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	The Commission discussed several candidates for the 2017 Preservation Awards. Commission members voted to give a preservation award to 1050 Humphrey Street, an 18 th century salt box colonial and example of an early farm building in the Beach Bluff

	<p>neighborhood of Swampscott that has been well maintained. Members voted against a preservation award for 22 Hardy Road (Olmsted District), due to apparent deferred maintenance. Two other candidates for awards included 18 Walker Road and 34/36 Sheridan Road. Commission members decided to postpone voting on these two homes until the next meeting to collect more information. Paula reported that a private entity has paid for restoration work to be done on the gates at the entrance to Gale Road. Paula will try to get before and after photographs, and this effort may be considered for a preservation award. The Commission also discussed presenting an award to an artisan who has done exceptional preservation work on a local property, such as the person who restored the windows at Andrews Chapel.</p>
<u>PHILLIPS SCHOOL/ GREENWOOD AVENUE:</u>	<p>The Commission discussed the former Phillips School/Greenwood Avenue property. Upon a motion by Shannon, as seconded by Bill T., Commission members voted (seven in favor, Paula abstaining) to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending that the selectmen delay voting on the purchase of the property until town meeting.</p>
<u>DEMOLITION DELAY BYLAW:</u>	<p>Two selectmen have rewritten the demolition delay bylaw with revisions to the age criteria and definitions of “demolition” and “factual.” Justina, Sylvia, and Angela Ippolito (Chair of the Planning Board) have met with the selectmen to review the changes. Justina will send the revisions to the Commission for review.</p>
<u>INVENTORY AND OUTREACH:</u>	<p>Shannon reported that Michele Karas of the town IT department has not been responsive to requests to upload the most recent inventory to the website. Sylvia indicated she would contact the Town Administrator to ask how he recommends proceeding to make the inventory publicly available.</p>
<u>MassDOT ADA RETROFITS:</u>	<p>Shannon reported that the MassDOT had recently provided plans showing that concrete transition panels would be used adjacent to proposed wheelchair access ramps. The Commission members suggested asking the MassDOT if the concrete could be darkened to be more congruous with the existing asphalt sidewalk. Shannon indicated she would pass the question on to</p>

	the MassDOT.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	May 2, 2017
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary