

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2017

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Bill Joyce, Bill Travascio, Shannon Phelan, Sylvia Belkin, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Richard Smith, Jean Reardon, Paula Pearce
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	None
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:09 pm
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on June 6, 2017 were unanimously approved after a motion by Sylvia, as seconded by Bill Joyce. Minutes for the Historical Commission public hearing on 69 Rockland Street on June 19, 2017 were unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Joyce, as seconded by Bill Travascio. Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on June 27, 2017 were unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Joyce, as seconded by Sylvia.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	After processing of invoices for the preservation awards, the balance for the end of the 2017 fiscal year will be approximately \$50. The Commission's account balance for the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year was \$1,250. With the processing of the invoice for the newspaper ad (public hearing – 69 Rockland Street), the account now holds a balance of \$1109.
<u>HISTORICAL INVENTORY:</u>	The Commission discussed the importance of getting copies of the updated historical inventory to the library, town clerk, and online. Shannon and Sylvia reported that the Town Administrator has not contacted them about the copies requested. Sylvia will write a letter to the Town Administrator (Sean Fitzgerald) asking for an update of the status of the inventory. Shannon will get a quote for hardcopies to be made at Staples. When Sue Duplin (Town Clerk) returns from vacation in mid-August, we will ask her to post the inventory online.

<u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u>	Sylvia reported that it has been business as usual for the Historic District Commission.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	The Commission discussed the wording for each of the plaques that will be given to the awardees. Justina will send another letter to the owners of the former “Rowe Farm” at 1050 Humphrey Street to get their perspective on the history of the farmhouse building, since there is some discrepancy in the historical record as to the date of construction. For the First United Church on Burrill Street, Justina will ask the condo association their preference as to whether it is called “Old” or “Former” First United Church. Shannon will review city directories to narrow down the date range for construction of 1080 Humphrey Street and to get the occupation of the owner of 34 Sheridan Road.
<u>MACHON SCHOOL:</u>	The Commission needs to provide comments on the plans for Machon School by August 16 th . Comments will be discussed at the next meeting on August 1, 2017.
<u>TRAIN STATION:</u>	Members reiterated that we would like to request a meeting with the Town Administrator to discuss the next steps and options for development of the train station.
<u>GREENWOOD AVENUE:</u>	The Board of Selectmen site plan review meeting is scheduled for July 19 th , then the plans will be reviewed by the Planning Board.
<u>FISH HOUSE:</u>	Information about the state grant for the Fish House will be available on July 25 th .
<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	No task force has met recently. Justina will draft a letter to Charlie Wilkinson (owner of Blytheswood) to inform him of the efforts to list the two properties on the National Register. There will be a special event (Best of North Shore) held at White Court on August 24 th .
<u>TRAILS AND SAILS EVENT:</u>	The event has been posted on the Trails and Sails website. There will be no event at Andrews Chapel this year. The Humphrey House will be open from 10 am to 1 pm.
<u>EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:</u>	Shannon indicated interest in helping to plan an educational seminar on energy efficiency and historic homes. The seminar could include a panel of local experts, such as window specialists, a representative from MassSaves, and a historical architect. The seminar would

	likely be held this coming winter at a local venue (e.g., senior center). It could also be part of a series of seminars with different but related topics, with case studies from local homes. Shannon will contact the chair of the Historic District Commission to coordinate on the content/structure of the seminar.
<u>MBTA ANTENNAE:</u>	Shannon reported (as discovered by Richard via email) that the most recent letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission referenced the “northern” tower at 324 Essex Street, and not the “southern” tower near the train station. Shannon will contact Linda Santoro of Massachusetts Historical to clarify that we are more concerned about the southern tower.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	August 1, 2017
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary