

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 5th, 2019

7:00 PM

22 Monument Ave Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Justina Oliver, Paula Pearce, Richard Smith, and Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Jean Reardon, and Nancy Schultz
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Jonathan Leamon
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:06 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	<p>The minutes from the February 5th, 2019 meeting were approved as amended</p> <p>Dana asked about the FEMA grant awarded to the town. Justina responded that the town is not sure of the amount of the grant, or when it will be given to the town. She added that the town has allocated \$100,000 for the repairs of the Fish House, and that the bid selected to repair the roof is for \$30,000.</p> <p>Richard mentioned that the repairs made to the Fish House could cost more as layers are peeled back. He noted that copper plating beneath the siding could trap moisture and cause additional rotting.</p> <p>Dana asked when would construction likely begin? Justina noted that it would begin sometime in the warmer months.</p>
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	The SHC balance is \$484.00. Expenditures for this year are due before June 1.
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	<p>Open Space Committee:</p> <p>Richard said that at the last meeting there was discussion about the town implementing a breakwater in Nahant Bay. There was also discussion about expanding the pier at Fisherman's beach, both of these items will likely come up at Town Meeting. Currently both of these ideas are being discussed in the Waterfront Advisory Committee. At this meeting there was also a discussion about tree replacements around</p>

	<p>town. The Historic District Commission has a list of trees originally planted in the Olmsted District, but that some of those trees can no longer be planted because they are considered invasive species. Richard mentioned the idea of memorial trees, that could have plaques and would be planted in the name of someone. Similar to the memorial bench program, seen around town.</p> <p>Justina mentioned looking into whether groups could plant trees as part of an Arbor Day Celebration.</p> <p>Richard added that more details about the dog park and the trail to come in the spring.</p> <p>Historic District Commission:</p> <p>Richard said that the town's new Community Development Director, Marzy Galezka, was previously the Assistant City Planner in Everett. Part of her focus will be on the economic development of the town. Richard added that he would be meeting with her and Sylvia to discuss the train station, the possibility of the town securing emergency funds from the Commonwealth, and the potential for the town to purchase it or have a long term ground lease with MBTA.</p>
<p><u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u></p>	<p>The awards ceremony would be deferred to May BOS meeting (1st or 15th) which is also Historic Preservation Month. Suggestion to share the PowerPoint at Town Meeting this year. There was discussion about whether to award 9 Shaw Road a preservation award. Richard determined that the property owners did not seek permission from the Historic District Commission, for the changes to the porch posts and railings. Commission members discussed the details of the exterior of the home, such as aluminum siding, that are not in keeping with the time period in which the home would have been built. The Historical Commission voted unanimously to decline a 2018 preservation award to 9 Shaw Road. The Commission will send a letter to the property owners stating the decision, and encourages them to apply again in the future.</p> <p>There was also discussion about which dates and names to put on the plaques for 21 Banks and 84 Banks Road. Bill offered to research town records to determine the original owners. The letter invitations will need to go out to the property owners and a report</p>

	for 21 Ross Rd drafted.
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Fish House:</p> <p>There was discussion about the town using the boom truck to view the balustrade up close, before work on the roof begins. When a date has been scheduled for that, Richard mentioned that he or someone else from the Historic District Commission would participate in assessing the buildings condition. Justina will email Max and Gino to coordinate a truck and meeting at the Fish House. There was also discussion about making the building ADA compliant.</p> <p>Train Depot:</p> <p>Justina mentioned that the 40R proposal would likely come before Town Meeting in May. The 40R overlay is to promote redevelopment of underutilized parcels. Will allow the town to develop design standards. Question as to whether there is still \$50k appropriated for the Depot, from a previous town meeting vote. Should the Commission submit a letter of support for town acquisition?</p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<p>Justina mentioned that Kim was talking to the Planning Dept. about a project tracking and calendar app that they use. Kim will request a universal email address for the Commission to use.</p> <p>There was discussion about Commission roles and responsibilities. Justina discussed the four officer positions and what each role does. She added that currently there are two open positions; Vice-Chair and Secretary. She added that the Commission can have up to seven alternate members; currently there are five open alternate spots. Justina said that the Commission should feel free to recommend members of the public to be alternate members. Paula Pearce expressed she will not be requesting to renew her membership, Bill Travascio and Justina Oliver undecided.</p> <p>Richard mentioned a group is looking to plant a pollinator garden at Town Hall. Will refer to the Olmsted plant list, finding substitutes for the invasive plants.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, April 2 nd , 2019 at 7:00 pm
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio