

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

December 4th, 2018

7:00 PM

22 Monument Ave, Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Kim Berry, Sylvia Belkin, Justina Oliver, Paula Pearce, Jean Reardon, Richard Smith, and Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	None
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson and Nancy Schultz
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:14 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	The minutes from the September 11 th , 2018 and October 2 nd , 2018 meetings were approved as amended. The minutes from the November 7 th , 2018 meeting were deferred to the January, 2019 meeting.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	The SHC balance is \$1250.00, no changes from the beginning of the fiscal year.
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	<p>Open Space Committee:</p> <p>Richard said there were no new updates.</p> <p>Historic District Commission (HDC):</p> <p>Richard mentioned that Max Casper is temporarily overseeing the town's planning duties. Max has been working with the HDC to review shingles for the Fish House. The HDC has also been conducting research on the railings used on the Fish House.</p>
<u>IDEAS EXCHANGE:</u>	<p>Several members of the Commission attended the Swampscott Ideas Exchange on Saturday, December 1st at Swampscott High School. The day was broken into 5 information sessions along with two general sessions, one to kick off the day and the other to recap the sessions. Bill, Paula, Richard, and Justina all attended. In addition, Nancy mentioned that she attended as well.</p> <p>Richard mentioned that in one of the sessions he sat in, there was a discussion about redeveloping the area</p>

	<p>around Johnson Park. The park is located by where the New Ocean House used to be. Some of the suggestions for redeveloping that area included adding a bathhouse and concession stand. Other ideas included refurbishing the exedra.</p> <p>Paula mentioned that the new historic light poles that town meeting approved a few years ago, would be installed shortly on Humphrey St.</p> <p>Richard spoke about the need to protect the Fish House from rising tides.</p> <p>There was a discussion among the members about creating a preservation plan for the Fish House. Developing a plan would require the need for the Commission to work with other town bodies, such as; the Finance Committee, Waterfront Advisory Committee, Planning Board, etc. Sylvia and Richard added that the plan would need to also explore grant opportunities for the property.</p>
<u>2018 PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	<p>Once the research for the histories of two properties 21 Banks Road and 84 Banks Road has been completed, the plaques for the properties will be finished, and a date can be set for awards to be presented. There was discussion about selecting one of the Board of Selectmen's January meetings for the awards reception.</p>
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Train Station:</p> <p>There was a discussion about the bid process for the train depot. Bids can be submitted to the MBTA as early as December 18th and would need to be submitted by December 19th. The bids can be dropped off at the DOT Building in Boston or submitted via the MBTA's online portal.</p> <p>Sylvia noted that the bid website has been shared, it's also been in local media.</p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<p>Kim Berry spoke about several calendar apps that the Commission to utilize. Justina showed an online project-tracking tool that the Planning Board uses for the Master Plan.</p> <p>Sylvia and Kim spoke about a 01907 article that mentioned that Essex National Heritage would placing 9 information kiosks around the North Shore, near the Coastal Scenic Byway. One would be placed in Lynn,</p>

	<p>while another would be placed in Marblehead. Kim suggested that one could be placed near the Swampscott Train Depot, because of the number of people who utilize the train.</p> <p>Justina mentioned that there would be several upcoming meetings about a proposed 40R Overlay District around the train depot. The Planning Board will be having a meeting at Swampscott High School on December 11th. Another meeting will take place after the new year.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, January 8 th , 2019 at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio