

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2016

7:00 PM

Offices of the Swampscott Historical Commission

Old Police Station, 86 Burrill Street

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin; Richard Smith; Justina Oliver; Jason Mahler; Shannon Phelan; William Joyce; Kim Barry(Alternate Member)
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Susan Munafo; Jean Reardon (Alternate Member)
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Millind Divadkar, 42 Rockland Street
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:00 PM
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Justina reported the Commission's funds currently contain \$3,098.97
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Commission's May 3, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Justina, as seconded by Sylvia.
<u>HISTORIC COMMISSIN OFFICES:</u>	The Commission discussed cleaning up and furnishing the new Historic Commission offices. Shannon volunteered to contact Sue Duplin to see if there is extra office furniture in the basement of Town Hall or in one of the closed schools that can be used by the Commission.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	Sylvia confirmed the current slate of Preservation Awards: (1)72 Banks Road; (2)57 Greenwood Avenue; and (3)Andrews Chapel, as well as the donation of a plaque for 49 Monument Avenue (Governor Baker's home) in recognition of a previous Preservation Award. The awards will be presented at the July 13 th meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The Commission also continued its discussion on the relevant criteria that should be used to determine future award winners.

<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT/ OPEN SPACE UPDATES:</u>	Richard reported that reviews continue in the ordinary course with respect to the Olmsted Historic District. With respect to open space, Richard updated the Commission on the status of the rail trail and the Town's tree inventory.
<u>57 ROCKLAND STREET DEMOLITION PERMIT REQUEST:</u>	The Commission discussed the continuing deterioration of the structures at 57 Rockland Street, including the removal of various architectural features in apparent violation of the Town's preservation bylaw. The Commission reviewed the timeline of events with respect to the Owner's demolition permit request, the Commission's institution of a nine month demolition delay, and various actions taken at the site that may have resulted in unlawful demolition as defined in the Town's bylaw. The Commission discussed potential remedial action and next steps with respect to contacting Town's Building Inspector, Town Counsel, and the Town Manager.
<u>TRAILS AND SAILS:</u>	The Commission discussed Essex Heritage's upcoming Trails and Sails program, which will take place September 16-18 and September 23-25, 2016. There is a July 30 deadline to inform Essex Heritage if we are interested in opening Town Hall for tours. Justina will contact Sue Duplin regarding gaining access to the building during this time to conduct tours.
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	April 5, 2016
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler, Secretary