

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

7:00 PM

Historical Commission Meeting Room
86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Paula Pearce
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:09 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	August 2019 minutes approval postponed
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Nothing to report. Budget remains \$4,250.
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	Jonathan Lea Open Space Committee: R. Smith reported discussion of signage and updating the Open Space plan. Historic District Commission (HDC): no report
<u>Trails and Sails 2019</u>	September 29. Town Hall open from 10-2. R. Smith gives tours at 11:00 and 1:30. Church of the Holy Name event is at 3:00 p.m. talk about stained glass windows, followed by a tea. Description is on the website. N. Schultz will check with Essex Trails and Sails to make sure it's ok for CHN to collect donations to defer the cost of the reception. Hestia ornaments: Three buildings in stock, watercolor prints. We buy wholesale and sell to fund-raise. We would like the town to buy in advance, and we would sell as fund-

	raiser at Trails and Sails.
FY2020 Goals/Tasks, Rules & Regs	<p>Fundraising—discussed open house tours for Preservation Awards, and historic house markers.</p> <p>Select board has asked for a description of the roles of volunteers. What should qualifications be? What are our fiscal year goals? How will be allocating our money? Inventory of historic properties. One might be designed by Little (“Wavecrest”). Cost is \$600 per property to do historic research. Blythswood would cost \$5500 (3 properties, cottage, carriage house, and main house) and a larger study of Little’s Point would carry a higher cost.</p> <p>Another priority is getting the archives digitized and inventoried.</p> <p>Discussion of establishing national district designation for properties on Rockland and Little’s Point</p> <p>Another goal: plaque on the old police station (1937) and signage for 86 Burrill</p> <p>Historic sketches of Swampscott by Waldo Thompson is a good resource to begin a project on Native American presence</p>
Historic Interpretation Signage	<p>HDC and representative from town hall (Marzie?) are working on this. This committee has been asked for input on the signage. J. Oliver brought samples. Town Hall, Fish House, Train Depot, Humphrey House, Beaches, New Ocean House, Cemetery (Andrew’s Chapel), Rail Trail, Native American Settlements in Swampscott (Black Will’s Cliff) Harold King forests--a graphic format should be established for the signs. The SHC is interested in being an active participant in this project.</p>
<u>Building Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Train Depot b. Fish House 	<p>Train Depot</p> <p>Fish house</p> <p>Breen construction is doing the work. Back side is being repaired and rot is replaced.</p>

<u>Old Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preservation Awards 2019 b. Boynton St Comments c. Blythswood d. 53 Puritan Rd Plaque/Boathouse e. Inventory Forms/National Register Nominations f. Archives/86 Burrill St g. Member Openings and Roles 	<p>Blythswood—the town has a conservation easement agreement—and could seek right of first refusal if it was for sale.</p> <p>“Great Estates Bylaw” similar to ones in surrounding communities could help protect the summer estates. This could possibly be proposed for town meeting.</p> <p>53 Puritan Road owner, Mr. Snierston, is interested in purchasing a plaque for the front of his house (\$500). A bronze marker will be designed.</p> <p>Rockland Street is one district that could be inventoried and a historic district. Could inventory forms be completed for a house or two on Rockland Street? These can be found on Macris. J. Oliver will send the Fish House example.</p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Old Business: postponed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inventory Forms/National Register Nominations b. Archives & 86 Burrill St c. Member Openings and Roles 	<p>Collection:</p> <p>Check with S. Belkin to see if an inventory of archival materials has been started. N. Schultz will arrange a time to meet with A. Deveau. Jim Snow has offered to help scan. Senior work-off hours are a possible source of help.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	<p>Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.</p>
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	<p>9:39 PM</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: D. Anderson Second: J. Reardon Vote: unanimous</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz