

# SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2020

7:00 PM

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

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| <u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>            | Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Sylvia Belkin, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith   |
| <u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>             | Jean Reardon   |
| <u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>             | none   |
| 1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u> | 7:08 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order.   |
| 2. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>      | R. Smith moves to approve minutes of December 5. D. Anderson seconds. Approved unanimously as corrected.   |
| 3. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>       | K. Barry stated that SHC current budget remains the same. J. Reardon is taking on the treasurer's role. L. Mausolf will submit invoice for her inventory research on the Eiseman estate.   |
| 4. <u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Historic District. R. Smith noted the Massachusetts Historical Commission is the agency with jurisdiction over the train station. We can work closely with the MHC to make sure that proposed work on the station is reviewed. We can alert the MHC that some work is being done on the roof.</li><li>b. Fish House—request to meet with town officials to discuss revising a previously submitted grant to secure funds to continue to work on the fish house. Preservation Projects grant due March 20. Work on the</li></ul> |

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|  | <p>grant is behind schedule. J. Oliver and R. Smith are meeting with town officials to try to move it forward. D. Anderson requested that the chair forward a report on the outcome of the meeting to the commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. No reports from Open Space</li> <li>d. Preservation awards: K. Barry suggested nominating the Church of the Holy Name for a Preservation Award for its work on the windows, exterior, and grounds.</li> </ul>   |
| <u>5. Initial Determination Outline/Comments</u> | <p>D. Anderson led a discussion about the initial determination process. SHC's timeline should be integrated with Zoning and Planning. We should receive the proposal first if a demolition is contemplated. Develop an info graphic that details the process. J. Leamon will reach out to M. Kasper (building inspector) and develop a process map (decision tree). SCH is involved only when there is a proposed demolition and the building is historically significant in one of three ways. For town meeting, the proposal could be that SHC's decisions are not only binary (yes or no)—but include recommendations/concerns/suggestions “within the context of its setting.” SHC should meet with the planning board and ZBA and discuss how to move forward. Consider developing a “white paper” or articulation of a philosophy for preservation for the town.</p> |
| <u>6. Rules &amp; Regs, FY2020 Goals/Tasks</u>   | <p>Discussion of adding to the town's historic inventory of buildings. MHC grant of \$10,000 for a building survey. Asking the town to inventory a district with the idea that someday pursuing “historic district status”</p>  |
| <u>7. Archives Assessment Grant</u>              | <p>J. Oliver gave update on the Archives Assessment Grant: Library, Town Hall, Historical Society, and SHC and assess the building.</p>   |
| <u>8. BUILDING UPDATES</u>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. See above.</li> </ul>   |

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| <u>9. Old Business</u>                |   |
| <u>10. Other Items for Discussion</u> |   |
| <u>11. Closing</u>                    |   |
| <u>12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>    | Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm.  |
| <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>                   | 9:00 PM<br><br>Motion to adjourn: D. Anderson, R. Smith<br>seconded<br>Unanimous Vote |

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz