

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2020

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, Richard Smith. Kim Barry called in to the meeting.
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Nancy Schultz
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin, Ryan Judkins
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:10 PM Justina called the meeting to order.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$600 Invoice will be coming in for inventory work.
<u>FORMER POLICE STATION AND OTHER HISTORIC BUILDINGS ON BURRILL STREET</u>	<p>Discussion of whether the former Police Station, built in 1937, should be inventoried. Burrill Street should be considered if we are going to add a Historic District. Police Station was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1993 by Claire Dempsey.</p> <p>Dana recommends Burrill Street from the park downtown to Paradise Road as a new Historic district.</p> <p>Justina will e-mail Lisa and determine appropriate properties to inventory. (143 Burrill St. is now a condo.)</p>
<u>MINUTES:</u>	January minutes will be deferred to next month as Nancy is unable to attend this evening.
<u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u>	Open space: R. Smith -meeting last week on Fish House. Must spend money by June 30-determine appropriate use. This was part of FEMA reimbursement. Balustrade replacement;

	<p>rebuild chimneys; analyze framing, particularly roof to see if it needs reinforcement; all of those projects are eligible for preservation project funding. Other items, e.g. plumbing...not eligible.</p> <p>Train Station-roof was repaired; in limbo now. Marzie is speaking with MBTA. Sovereignty question regarding MBTA versus local historic district. Mass Historical must be consulted. Richard Smith and Sylvia Belkin have been attending these meetings.</p> <p>MBTA is looking for \$4500/month for rent of train station.</p> <p>Open Space cont.-Community Development is pursuing a grant for signage for open space and historic properties. Recommending coherent graphics for all signage.</p>
<u>BROCHURE WORK</u>	<p>Dana has spoken with David (graphic designer) but no further work has been done as we need drafts of material and notes for him to work with. Library also has photos. We may want to use legal size paper 8 ½ x 14 for 8 pane folded brochure. Sylvia will pull out key points to include in brochure and forward to Dana. Library has blueprints of Thomson House.</p>
<u>DOCUMENT PRESERVATION AND COLLECTIONS</u>	<p>Nancy is working with Alice Deveau on a grant of up to \$30,000 for assessment of all of the collections; library and Historical Society as well as where material is stored. The grant is due in March. "Townwide Assessment of Historic Archives". This grant does not include archiving. \$1284 for 4 drawer cabinet...up to \$5,000...Dana will look into files for material...Maureen Schultz and Sue Duplin will be contacted...either flat files or rolled up drawing file. All materials are in two rooms downstairs in former Police Station. There is more room upstairs.</p>

<p><u>PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINEES:</u></p>	<p>Church of the Holy Name-1891; (3 years before Thomson House. Swampscott Land Trust was 1887.) Jean made a recommendation to nominate. Richard seconded.</p> <p>VOTE: Yes-unanimous. Church will be contacted for bronze plaque (due to stone and masonry exterior) re: size, placement etc.</p> <p>22 Banks Road-nominated by current owners - 5 year renovation process; new roof; restored front porch with approval of Historic District. Restored clapboards on outside (question as to whether the siding is new or restored; is it wood or a manufactured/ composite material? Dana to visit with owner to determine.); painted</p> <p>9 Winshaw Road-mid-century modern. Nominated by J. Leamon for stewardship and landscape preservation. Letter has been sent to owner to determine if there is an interest in recognition. Dana following up.</p> <p>Wavecrest (22 Northstone Road) was just sold. We will offer a plaque to owner because it received an award in 2007 prior to issuing plaques. Jean nominates for a plaque. Jon seconds. Unanimously in favor.</p>
<p><u>RFP – 86 BURRILL STREET</u></p>	<p>From Marzie-bid is due March 31 at noon. Reactivate building with a community benefit. Justine spoke with Alice at the library; we will collaborate with them. Recommended place to store historic assets and serve as a resource area.</p> <p>Consider making Burrill St. a museum and information center i.e. Chamber of Commerce. Archive. Storage on 2nd floor as there is no elevator which would limit public access.</p> <p>Fire Chief might also want to use the space.</p> <p>Can the library help support this building through volunteers, etc? We will have a small working group to work on the RFP. Quantify what we need for space.</p>

<u>REVOLVING FUND WARRANT</u>	<p>We need to identify purpose and have a cap spending limit per year</p> <p>Plaques for homeowners and Swampscott souvenirs, gifts; i.e. will enable Commission to bring money in and apply it toward projects. Also, we could do research and a reports on homes at owner's request and charge a fee. Pamphlets for tours.</p>
<u>ANNIVERSARY OF TOWN HALL</u>	Celebration in May-Preservation Month; we can sell historic building ornaments if we set up booth.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Thursday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Leamon