

# SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
6:30pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Nancy Schultz
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Jim Dennis, Marzie Galazka, Brenda Supino
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:53 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order.
<u>MINUTES:</u>	D. Anderson moved approval of 3/5/2020 minutes, R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved by voice vote.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> <u>Jean Reardon</u>	\$3,650 remaining after \$600.00 payment has been made to vendor (Lisa Mausolf) for her work on Form B for 33 Puritan Lane.
Historic Interpretative Signage – Marzie Galazka	Signage by Becker Sign being considered for Fish House, Town Hall, Andrews Chapel & Train Depot. Marzie asked if the Historical Commission available to help? Can we contribute from our budget? Price is about \$4,000. K. Barry reminded SHC that we intend to get a bronze plaque for the Church of the Holy Name, and other signage for preservation awards. Some costs could be pushed to the next fiscal year though. We need high quality material to protect from sun and weather. R. Smith suggested “QR” codes that you can scan on the phone for additional information. This could be more info about the site, or links to info on other sites. Marzie will prepare a budget for design and J. Leamon and N. Schultz volunteered to collaborate on the text. It was suggested that the town consider adding the Olmsted District as a fifth site.

<p><u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u></p>	<p>PPF Fish House update—bathrooms will be updated with current grant, along with some other repairs. Historic restoration has been pushed to next grant cycle. DPW is preparing to paint the structure. Fish House grant from FEMA must be expended by June 30.</p> <p>Grants to renovate historic interiors can only be given to public spaces, so the lease agreement with the Swampscott Yacht Club precludes this option. Commercial fishermen use 17 lockers in the building, which is the only municipal fish house on the east coast, and oldest active working fish house in the country. SYC's lease runs until 2041. J. Oliver raised concerns that fishermen knock out the glass windows for ventilation, and mentioned that the town is looking into ways to break the SYC lease.</p> <p>K. Barry asked for progress update on repairing the train station clock. The town located the original installers of the clock who agreed to repair for \$1,100. Then MBTA put up some roadblocks, such as saying they would need to stop trains while the repairs were being made. In fact, the clock is on the other side of the building, and the repair seems to be centered in a mechanical box inside. MBTA has suggested moving the structure since they want to put in a handicap accessible ramp. Continued discussion of 99-year lease or purchase options. The MBTA did some repair to the canopy that wraps around the building. N. Schultz suggested SHC can send a letter expressing frustration at the obstacles to repair the clock and that we consider setting up with a meeting with the Mass Historical Commission to discuss continuing obstacles to progress with the train station. J. Oliver made a motion that R. Smith compose this letter to send to Marzie. J. Leamon seconded. The memorandum will detail the building's poor condition and be forwarded to chair to send to Marzie. Unanimously approved by voice vote.</p>
<p><u>RFI – 86 BURRILL STREET</u></p>	<p>The Select Board received 5 RFI proposals. The Select Board will review for the next phase, the RFP, which will also be an open application process. N. Schultz asked if the town was sending contradictory messages by wishing to generate revenue from 86 Burrill while at the</p>

	<p>same time it is seeking to close out revenue-generating groups like the SYC? R. Smith asked that our proposal be clearer that the SHC intends to continue using the space for the meetings. The main focus should be the public use of the building. K. Barry asked if we should account for the recently submitted library grant using the space at 86 Burrill as part of the RFI. K. Barry proposed that we should submit the proposal with the suggested edits. R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved by voice vote.</p>
<u>REVOLVING FUND WARRANT</u>	Town meeting has been postponed.
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Town Wide Assessment</li> <li>2. Historic Buildings</li> <li>3. Inventory &amp; National Register</li> </ol>	Lisa M. working on form B for the Eiseman Estate
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>	<p>Preservation awards. Church of the Holy Name will be getting a bronze plaque. 22 Banks Terrace &amp; 59 Winshaw Road are under consideration for the award. J. Oliver moves, N. Schultz seconds that the SHC nominate both for a preservation award. Unanimously approved by voice vote.</p> <p>Guest Jim Dennis had a question about making minor repairs in the historic district with which R. Smith was able to assist.</p> <p>Discussion about construction on garage boathouse on Puritan Road, and the status of the historic plaque for the property.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	J. Oliver moved to adjourn, D. Anderson seconded. 8:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz