

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2016

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Susan Post Munafo, Richard Smith, Sylvia Belkin, Shannon Phelan
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jason Mahler, Jean Reardon, Bill Joyce, Kim Barry
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Mr. George Wattendorf, Mrs. Sarah Wattendorf, and their daughter Gretchen
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:05 PM
<u>57 ROCKLAND STREET:</u>	The HC Subcommittee discussed the building elements that had been demolished/removed at 57 Rockland Street and whether their removal constituted a violation in accordance with the local preservation bylaw. The purpose of the discussion was to make a recommendation to the HC in general as to the course of action to take in response to the possible violation. The HC Subcommittee reviewed the Inventory of Exterior Elements Removed or Disturbed during Asbestos Abatement and the Historical Commission Timeline for 57 Rockland Street. Upon a motion by Susan, as seconded by Sylvia, the HC Subcommittee voted unanimously that the removal of the elements constituted a violation of the bylaw. The HC Subcommittee agreed that the recommended course of action would be to request that the HC approve the building plans for the proposed new structure at the site, as an alternative to imposing a financial penalty or delay in granting a permit. The specific language for the recommendation would be developed in consultation with a Planning Department representative and would be presented to the HC at the next regular meeting.
<u>PRESERVATION BYLAW REVISIONS:</u>	The HC Subcommittee discussed proposed revisions to the local preservation bylaw. The intent of the revisions is to clarify and simplify the procedure of

	<p>how the Building Department notifies the HC of a new permit application affecting a potentially significant building. Justina and the Chair of the Planning Board, Angela Ippolito, had developed language for the revisions to the bylaw, and the HC Subcommittee members provided input as to suggested changes in wording. Justina indicated that the revised language would be presented to Ms. Ippolito for review prior to discussion at the next regular HC meeting.</p> <p>The HC Subcommittee suggested the creation of a spreadsheet to track notifications from the Building Department, and suggested that language should be provided to the Building Department to be given to customers/residents to explain why the HC may need to be notified of their project.</p>
<u>55 BERKSHIRE STREET:</u>	<p>The HC Subcommittee discussed the demolition activities at this structure. Justina indicated that she had asked Mr. Bettencourt (Building Department) to respond, as the HC had not been notified of demolition activities at the structure. Justina will follow up with Mr. Bettencourt.</p>
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	September 6, 2016
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary