

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023
6:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, J. Leamon, Brad Graham, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Kim Barry, Brendan Bradley
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Ryan Judkins, Franceska O'Reilly
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	James Cipoletta, Jerry Sneirson, Marzie Galazka, Brian Drummond
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. <u>53 PURITAN ROAD</u>	<p>J. Cipoletta reviewed prior meetings and hearings before the Commission and other boards. He represented that the property owners will return the garage to its original design and will present stamped plans for the Commission's review. The owners offered to pay 10% of the assessed value of the garage (\$1,800 on an assessed value of \$18,000) as a fine and will install a historical plaque.</p> <p>J. Leamon reiterated the Commission's willingness to assist with the building plans. He raised J. Sneirson's offer to pay a fine of \$25,000 at the Commission's September 7, 2023 meeting, and stated that the demolition bylaw fine is based on the entire property value, not just the value of the building demolished.</p> <p>In response to J. Sneirson's argument that he was unaware of the garage's historical significance, J. Leamon and J. Oliver discussed the Commission's February 2019 meeting and the letter sent to J. Sneirson thereafter detailing the historic nature of the garage.</p>

	<p>J. Sneirson proposed paying a \$25,000 fine and accepting all of the Commission's recommendations on reconstruction of the building made during the Commission's September 7, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>J. Leamon moved to amend the previously imposed fine (\$50,000) to \$25,000, with the requirement that the property owners adopt the Commission's reconstruction recommendations and reissue payment for a plaque commemorating the garage's history. B. Graham seconded. Unanimously approved.</p>
3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	J. Oliver moved to approve the draft minutes from the Commission's September 7, 2023 meeting, with a correction as to the date of the Town Hall exhibit opening. R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	B. Graham reported that the revolving fund balance is \$4,156.61 and the general fund balance is \$2,862.70, pending a reimbursement of \$103.00 for food supplied during the Fishing Exhibit opening.
5. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	<p>N. Schultz reported that the Pitman House was demolished but some artifacts were saved for the Commission's archives.</p> <p>J. Leamon provided Town Hall tours and R. Smith provided Olmsted District tours during the recent Trails and Sails event. 25 people signed up for the tours.</p>
6. <u>GLOVER HOUSE</u>	<p>N. Schultz nominated the Glover House for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "11 Most Endangered Properties." K. Barry will post the completed MACRIS Form B to the Commission's website. MACRIS Form A is still being prepared.</p> <p>N. Schultz met with Swampscott History Buffs and Marblehead REV250 groups; both</p>

	<p>are interested in supporting Glover House efforts.</p> <p>The Commission discussed fundraising efforts for Glover House preservation. J. Oliver suggested a kickoff event to raise visibility. N. Schultz suggested forming a fundraising subcommittee. B. Drummond offered to participate on that subcommittee.</p> <p>The town has \$2,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds. J. Oliver suggested requesting ARPA funds for the Glover House preservation. N. Schultz suggested requesting ARPA funds for weatherproofing/shoring up, to prevent further damage. She will get information on the cost of doing so.</p>
7. <u>PRESERVATION PLANNING</u>	<p>Suggestions were made on sources of funding for preservation planning, including ARPA funds for researching and identifying in-danger properties, and Massachusetts Historical Commission funds. J. Oliver suggested creating a list of pre-1850 properties without MACRIS forms and requesting bids from historians to complete those forms.</p> <p>B. Graham updated the Commission on ongoing investigation as to how the Conservation Commission can delegate some responsibility for overseeing the Blythswood preservation to the Historical Commission.</p>
8. <u>NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE</u>	<p>Town will fund \$350 for another talk by Mary Ellen Lepionka in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.</p> <p>Library has a photo of Penobscots coming to Swampscott. A local framer suggested preservation by mounting on acid-free paper and using museum-quality glass, at a cost of \$700 (potentially negotiable). N. Schultz is investigating town funding for that work. She also suggested having M. Lepionka consult on the photo, including reaching out to the</p>

	Penobscots to gain a better understanding of what is depicted in the photo. K. Barry moved to authorize up to \$350 for that consultation. J. Leamon seconded. Unanimously approved.
9. <u>PLAQUE PROGRAM</u>	The current plaque maker is unable to complete two outstanding plaques. J. Oliver is willing to hand-paint those two, but J. Oliver and N. Schultz are working on a long-term solution for the plaque program.
10. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>	Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Commission has agreed to continue to meet virtually via Teams.
	Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission