

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Franceska O'Reilly, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Jean Reardon
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. <u>299 SALEM STREET (GENERAL GLOVER HOUSE)</u>	<p>N. Schultz outlined the Commission's process for responding to a demolition permit, as set forth in the Town's General By-Laws. The Commission previously found that the Glover House is historically "significant," and held a public hearing on April 12, 2023. The By-Laws require the Commission to determine whether the Glover House is "preferably preserved" and whether to impose a nine-month demolition delay.</p> <p>N. Schultz summarized the comments made during the public hearing, the show of support for preservation, and the absence of support for demolition. The Glover Regiment of Marblehead has made a financial pledge to assist with preservation efforts. Structures North is finalizing its study on the need for reinforcement of the structure. Rick Detwiller is finalizing his report as well.</p> <p>N. Schultz spoke with representative of developer Leggatt McCall to express the Commission's interest in continuing to work with the developer. She also spoke with Larry Sands of the Glover Regiment, who will give a speech at a preservation fundraiser, and Hawthorne by the Sea regarding the location of the fundraiser. N. Schultz will contact</p>

	<p>Salem Historical Commission regarding joint preservation efforts.</p> <p>B. Graham raised various obstacles to preservation, including significant cost, the need for land to which to move the building, and the limited time available under the demolition delay. The Commission needs to consider those obstacles before imposing a demolition delay. R. Smith has contacts of professionals who can provide an estimate on the cost of moving the Glover House to a new site.</p> <p>J. Leamon agreed that we need estimates on total preservation costs, and voiced concern that General Glover's relative anonymity could impact the community's enthusiasm for preservation.</p> <p>K. Barry voiced support for imposing a demolition delay to allow for further investigation of preservation options. She suggested appealing to Marblehead and Salem for financial support.</p> <p>R. Smith opined that the Glover House is one of the most important historical structures in Swampscott, but it has been largely forgotten. The small size of the building would make it easier to move to a new location. He suggested that the Commission needs to consider a full range of options, from salvaging artifacts only to a full relocation and restoration. J. Oliver raised the importance of full documentation of the building and salvage of items if it cannot be preserved as a whole.</p> <p>Judy Anderson stated her belief that Marblehead would support the preservation effort, given its prior support for Glover Regiment. She agreed that a considerable obstacle is finding a new location for the Glover House. She suggested that the</p>
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	<p>Commission could present at Town Meeting to generate ideas for locations.</p> <p>Rick Detwiller reminded the Commission of the successful effort to save the Colonel Barrett house in Concord, although that effort took several years and had a partner in the National Park Service.</p> <p>J. Leamon moved to find that the Glover House is preferably preserved and to impose a nine-month demolition delay. R. Smith seconded, unanimously approved.</p> <p>R. Judkins suggested that the Commission ask for time before the Select Board to present on preservation efforts, reach out to the Salem and Marblehead Historical Commissions to coordinate efforts, and contact Tedesco Country Club as the abutter. He also suggested that the Commission schedule a public meeting in six to eight weeks to update the public on progress. He suggested contacting the Peabody Essex Museum as a potential partner in preservation.</p> <p>J. Oliver suggested that getting the Form B completed so that the Glover House gets placed on the state historical register needs to be a priority. The developer has agreed to pay for completing the Form B.</p> <p>B. Graham reiterated that finding a site for relocation is critical and must be done soon. J. Leamon suggested that the Select Board could help identify Town-owned land for relocation. R. Judkins suggested the Glover House could be moved to the Hawthorne by the Sea site.</p>
3. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>	Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.. The Commission has agreed to continue to meet virtually via Teams.
	Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad W. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission