

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2016

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Sylvia Belkin, Shannon Phelan, Bill Joyce, Jean Reardon, Paula Pearce, Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Sara Pruett, Member of the Library Board of Trustees
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:03 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on November 3, 2016 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Bill Joyce, as seconded by Sylvia.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Kim reported via email that there were no changes to the budget/finances.
<u>LIBRARY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY:</u>	Sara Pruett of the Library Board of Trustees provided a summary of upcoming events in 2017 to celebrate the library's 100 th anniversary. Commission members made suggestions regarding possibly coordinating for an event during the Trails to Sails weekend and/or a Heritage Day on the town lawn. Photos are being solicited for the historical photo display in the library.
<u>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</u>	Richard and Sylvia reported that there were no significant updates from the Open Space Committee and Historic District Commission (HDC).
<u>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</u>	Justina reviewed the spreadsheet of goals for the upcoming year. Short-term goals to be completed in January include sending the mailings to property owners of surveyed buildings; finalizing changes to the Commission's adopted Rules and Regulations; and posting the 2017 preservation award nomination form to the website. Bill T. will ask the governor's office to see if a plaque can be awarded at the Bakers' home.

<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	Commission members discussed the upcoming public presentation on proposed plans for White Court and formulated a list of questions to ask the purchaser/developer. The Commission members' concerns included: preservation plans, public access, impacts of brewing activities, water/sewer infrastructure needs, abutters' views, the financial basis for maintaining stewardship, the nature of the organization, the public benefit from their operations, and the vehicular impacts. Justina will forward the list of questions/concerns to the Selectmen prior to the public presentation.
<u>TRAIN STATION:</u>	Bill J. conducted research and obtained background information on the prior attempts to purchase the train station. Bill would like to create a public relations writeup to propose options to the town administration for a purchase of the building. The Town has previously allocated \$50,000 to purchase the train station. Bill will also meet with Bruce Paradise to discuss the potential for a sale to a private entity in exchange for tax credits.
<u>COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS:</u>	The old police station is temporarily being used by the fire department and should be ready for the Commission to be used in approximately one month.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	January 3, 2016
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary