

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2017

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Bill Travascio, Kim Barry, Richard Smith, Shannon Phelan
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Paula Pearce, Bill Joyce, Sylvia Belkin, Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Max Glikman, B'nai B'rith; Pete Kane, Director of Community Development
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	8:00 pm
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on February 7, 2017 were unanimously approved, as corrected with minor edits, after a motion by Bill T., as seconded by Kim.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Several receipts and invoices from expenses relating to the preservation awards and inventory were submitted. The Commission's account now includes approximately \$980. Kim will ask the town accountant if we can have a "carryover" account, where remaining money at the end of the fiscal year can be carried over to the following year. Justina will ask about a mechanism to collect fundraising money (e.g., if we can collect an administrative fee when selling historical plaques).
<u>MACHON SCHOOL:</u>	Mr. Max Glikman, Project Manager for B'nai B'rith, provided an overview of the plans for the former Machon School, which include demolition of the 1960s addition and rehabilitation of the original building. Mr. Pete Kane, Director of Community Development, was also present to answer questions about the project. On April 5 th , the Board of Selectmen (BOS) will review and approve the plans so B'nai B'rith can go through the permit process with the zoning board. Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) will reportedly review the plans prior to their final approval. B'nai B'rith intends to keep the exterior of the original building as close as possible to the original design and will consider input from Commission

	members on architectural elements such as windows and doors. A walk-through of the building may be planned for the future to see if any interior elements can be preserved.
<u>MassDOT ADA RETROFITS:</u>	The Commission discussed the ADA retrofits proposed by MassDOT for Route 1A/Paradise Road. The retrofits include new crosswalks and wheelchair ramps at multiple intersections throughout town. MassDOT requested that we review the plans and provide comments. The primary concern, particularly along portions of Paradise Road adjacent to the Olmsted District, is to ensure that the sidewalks would be replaced in-kind to avoid a patchy, incongruous appearance. Based on Commission members' review of the plan set provided by MassDOT, cement concrete will be used around the wheelchair detectable warning panels. Shannon will prepare a letter responding to the MassDOT and indicate our preference that the sidewalks be replaced in-kind from Burrill Street to Walker Road, as much as possible.
<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	The White Court Task Force is looking into potential fundraising sources to purchase and rehabilitate the property. Kim prepared a letter to the MHC asking if the property (along with Blytheswood) is potentially eligible for the National Register; Justina will sign the letter and send it to the MHC.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	Members briefly discussed the annual preservation awards. The owners of 23 Puritan Road submitted a nomination form, but the building is not considered a candidate for an award, as it has been substantially altered from its original state. Other potential candidates include 18 Walker Road, 34/36 Sheridan Road, 1050 Humphrey Street, and 22 Hardy Road. Members will vote on the preservation awards at the next meeting.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	April 4, 2017
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary