

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

April 2nd, 2019

7:00 PM

1st floor conference room

22 Monument Ave Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Justina Oliver, Kim Barry, Richard Smith, Nancy Schultz, Bill Travascio, Jean Reardon
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Paula Pearce
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin and Tony Bandewitz
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:02 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	The minutes from the March 5 th , 2019 meeting were approved.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	<p>The SHC balance is \$484.00.</p> <p>Jean mentioned purchasing an external hard drive to save scans of our historical archives.</p>
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	<p>Open Space Committee:</p> <p>Tonia Bandrowicz, Vice Chair of the Open Space Committee, presented a pollinator garden to be planted outside of Town Hall by the group Swampscott Conservancy. The DPW recently repaired the brick wall. Swampscott Conservancy will be hosting a native plant sale in May at the Farmers Market. The Conservancy met with Open Space, for guidance on the garden. Referred to Gertrude Jekyll's garden designs for inspiration, rectangular beds with informal plantings. Conservancy will host a public forum with a speaker on edible plants. Looking for other ways to fundraise. Announced a trail maintenance day at Jackson Park April 20th. Someone suggested looking for historic photos for reference of what used to be planted in Elihu Thomson's garden. Swampscott Conservancy is a nonprofit and welcoming memberships, more info contact swampscottconservancy@ gmail.com</p>

	<p>Historic District Commission:</p> <p>The Commission is looking into the permit review of 9 Shaw Rd.</p>
<u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	<p>Bill researched the prior ownership of 21 Banks Rd and 84 Banks Rd. The Commission finalized the information to be displayed on the plaque. Bill will reserve the library for a reception. Justina will confirm the date of the BOS meeting for the awards.</p>
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Fish House:</p> <p>Richard, Dana, and Justina met with Max Kasper, Building Commissioner, to make site observations. Richard maneuvered the boom truck supplied by DPW to make closer assessment. Max brought samples of the roofing color choices narrowed down by HDC. Richard observed some decay in the wood gutters which are lined with lead coated copper. Found the fascia boards to be applied after the gutters, which means the gutters do not have to be removed to replace rotted fascia. Carpentry repairs of rotten trim and fascias can be done after the roof. Painting will need to be addressed after the rot repairs. Chimneys will need to be inspected by a Mason. Richard drafted a document of the site observations and suggested the rotted woodwork be addressed next along with the balustrade, painting trim and windows. Question as to whether all these repairs can be made this year? Site observations to be recorded herewith the minutes.</p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<p>Justina reiterated considering members filling a role, to be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p>Dana mentioned Andrew's Chapel is in need of railings for the entry steps and on the ramp. He suggested the Commission ask the town to assess the rusty railings. Dana also mentioned adding exterior lighting, Richard stated it would need HDC approval. Dana also suggested having professional photography be done for the historic records. Justina mentioned the photos could be added to the inventory form.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	<p>Tuesday, May 7th, 2019 at 7:00 pm</p>
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	<p>8:58 PM</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Justina Oliver