

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 5th, 2019

7:00 PM

22 Monument Ave, Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Sylvia Belkin, Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz, and Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Bill Travascio, Paula Pearce, and Dana Anderson
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Jerry Sneirson
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:03 PM Kim Barry and Jean Reardon, Alternate Members, appointed by Justina Oliver, Chair, to fill in as Regular Members for the purpose of voting at this meeting.
<u>MINUTES:</u>	January minutes deferred to next meeting.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	The SHC balance is \$599.70. Justina circulated an invoice to acquire signatures, approving payment to Jackie Blombach, for preservation awards historical reports.
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	Open Space Committee: R. Smith reported copies of the proposed harbor plan were reviewed. He thinks this committee will want to take a look at it. Historic District Commission (HDC): R. Smith did not have much to report. Historic District Commission did not meet.
<u>INITIAL DETERMINATION</u> <u>21 ELM PLACE:</u>	"Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings" Section 4. Is it significant under bylaw, part 16? Series of buildings. Gym and offices. A photo was shown of the building being proposed for demolition. Originally a lumber yard, and the building was used for storage. R. Smith showed

	<p>photos. Some past affiliation with the Boston Opera Company. The building is being proposed for razing to become a parking lot. Owner is Bruce Paradise.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about whether or not if this is a historically significant building.</p> <p>Motion: R. Smith, seconded by K. Barry</p> <p>Under the preservation bylaw, article 4, is 21 Elm Place, is not historically significant enough to prevent demolition.</p> <p>J. Reardon asked that anything of historical significance related to the Lumber Company OG Poor be preserved</p> <p>unanimous</p>
<p><u>INITIAL DETERMINATION</u> <u>53 PURITAN RD:</u></p>	<p>Outbuilding garage. Proposal to remove 14 linear feet from the front of the garage (it's 60-65 feet in length X 25)</p> <p>Present: Mr. Sneirson, property owner</p> <p>R. Smith detailed some of the history of the house. History of the building and the history of the neighbor. In 1970—there was a permanent judgement about the footprint of the house. Owned by Sherman Rogan.</p> <p>Conflict began between Rogan and Bithells. (This is next to Larry Bithell's three family). The garage has historical significance with connection to the Albree-Timson Model G Scout of 1915. The airplane purchased by the Navy. Lou Gallo confirms the location, Historical Society owns photos of the plane in front of 53 Puritan Rd. S. Belkin asked owner if he would consider putting up a plaque to commemorate the location. J. Oliver explained the process of a compromise to preserve the historical location if an alteration is permitted. J. Oliver reminded owner that he will need to go before the planning board.</p> <p>Motion that confirms that the garage/boat house structure is historically significant –R. Smith, second K. Barry</p>

	<p>unanimous</p> <p>R. Smith: Motion to approve the size reduction/demolition of 14 linear feet of the front façade of the garage/boathouse. Seconded by J. Reardon</p> <p>With these conditions: Owner (Snierston) must return to the Commission with renovation plans to include exterior treatments of the remaining structure and a descriptive historical marker be installed on the building or property, to be approved by the Commission.</p> <p>Unanimous</p>
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Fish House J. Oliver met with Sean Fitzgerald, Max Kasper, and Ben Franklin, J. Schultz and others at the Fish House FEMA grant is coming—uncertain about the amount. Allocation to pier, building and other areas. \$100,000 is available for renovation: Improvements to roof - right now, asphalt roof, and attention to pressing deferred maintenance. M Kasper, Building Commissioner, requested Commission's assistance in preservation planning—helping to prioritize. Roof may be \$35,000-\$40,000. Fascia boards are rotting, as are gutters. HDC has approved fiberglass gutters. Currently, there are wood gutters lined with copper. Are the gutters really that bad? Some work was done 20 years ago. Area around the new windows needs to be preserved/painted. Max is asking for this commission's help in assisting with prioritization, and missing downspouts, rot and missing shingles. Other improvements necessary – handicap accessibility and an elevator/lift.</p> <p>Discussion of various types of post material.</p> <p>Town needs to get estimates—but they are seeking recommendations on repair priorities. Richard and Dana, perhaps, can put together recommendations with an architect on Historic District Commission. R</p>

	Smith suggested a bucket truck to get a closer look. It was suggested that we team up with the SYC (Larry Sweazy)—the tenants who know the building well.
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<p>Proposed 40R Overlay District around the Swampscott Train Depot Update. N. Schultz reported on the recent meeting at the senior center that it was largely information gathering in preparation for Town Meeting in May.</p> <p>Train Depot—what is happening with the town-meeting allocated \$50,000?</p> <p>S. Fitzgerald stopped in. He reported he has been in communication with the MBTA. Can we revisit the proposal to purchase the property? No respondents to their proposals. Can we as a community be a good custodian of the property, bring it up to functional use so it can be rented. It needs to be thought of in conjunction with the 40R—including the public housing of the area. S. Fitzgerald will include the commission.</p> <p>He also asked the Commission to be thinking about the inventory of significant historic properties and ways to protect those properties, such as a right of first refusal on Blythswood.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz and Justina Oliver