

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:00 PM

22 Monument Ave, Swampscott, MA 01907

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Dana Anderson Justina Oliver, Paula Pearce, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith, and Bill Travascio
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	Kim Barry
<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Sylvia Belkin, Peter Pitman, and Jackson Schultz
<b><u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u></b>	7:06 PM  Justina welcomed newly appointed members to the commission, Dana Anderson and Nancy Schultz.
<b><u>MINUTES:</u></b>	The minutes from the November and December, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved.
<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u></b>	The SHC balance is \$984.00
<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u></b>	Open Space Committee:  Richard mentioned that the committee would be meeting next week. On the agenda would be the proposed site for the Swampscott Dog park. The park would include a trail which would start at the park and would tie into existing trails at forest hills in Salem. The park would be isolated from the historic parks of the Swampscott Cemetery.  Historic District Commission (HDC):  Richard said the HDC would be discussing work on the Fish House.
<b><u>INITIAL DETERMINATION 15 LITTLES POINT RD:</u></b>	Justina welcomed Peter Pitman for attending. Justina then gave a brief overview of the initial determination process. She added that while the home located at 15 Littles Point Rd is listed in the inventory, however the craftsman style garage on the property is not.  Mr. Pitman gave an overview of the state of the garage and the scope of work. He mentioned that

	<p>the new build would be incorporated into the exiting home located on the property via a breezeway on the back of the house. The new build will be more in keeping with the existing home. He noted that the red cedar planks of the existing garage are not similar to those on the home. He will be going before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board, however a date has not yet been set.</p> <p>Richard felt that the garage is potentially from the 1930's/1940's and it is in the Cape Cod style. He noted that the garage does not have any unique features and there is no direct impact on the neighborhood.</p> <p>The Commission voted unanimously that the garage is not historically significant. Justina said that the Commission would send a letter to the Building Department tomorrow so that the project can move forward.</p>
<p><u>GUEST SPEAKER: JACKSON SCHULTZ:</u></p>	<p>Jackson Schultz is the Chair of the Swampscott Harbor Advisory Committee and a former Commodore of the Swampscott Yacht Club.</p> <p>Mr. Schultz thanked the commission for allowing him to give some brief remarks at the meeting and for their constant support. He said that the DPW will be putting out an Request for Proposal (RFP) in the spring for work on the Fish House.</p> <p>Several of the commission members were concerned about the long-term plan for the property and how long work would take on it. Jackson suggested that the property should be stained, rather than painted. He also discussed the 2017 grant application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. He noted that the application included a plan to install new asphalt roof shingles, which wouldn't last as long and are not renewable. Using renewable materials is a requirement for MHC grants. Jackson noted that there is a \$2 million grant available from FEMA for repairs to the Swampscott waterfront, however it has not yet been released. He noted it would be preferable for the Fish House to be repaired with materials that are historically accurate if the funding is available.</p> <p>There was a discussion about whether pursuing the use of wood shingles for the roof would delay</p>

	<p>repairs and could double the cost of the roof replacement.</p> <p>Jackson also touched on the a soon to be released harbor plan that was written by the Harbor Advisory Committee. The plan includes developing a living reef in the harbor.</p> <p>Sylvia Belkin felt that the commission should take a vote to support the use of a cedar shingle roof for the Fish House. Nancy Shultz felt that the Historical Commission should meet with the Harbor Advisory Committee before such a vote is taken. She further proposed that members of the commission should meet with the Harbor Advisory Committee, Historic District Commission, Sean, and Gino to ensure that all parties are on the same page with respect to work on the Fish House. The goal should be review funding sources and use of materials for historical accuracy. Nancy felt that the roof might fall apart if all sides waited too long.</p>
<p><u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u></p>	<p>Justina mentioned that she recently attended a meeting Planning Board meeting about the proposed 40R Overlay District. She noted that the plan allows for mixed-use properties and affordable housing. The town could specify design requirements. She said that a lot of the abutters attended and that the next forum is on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board would report to Town Meeting in May.</p> <p>Sylvia felt that since the train depot is in the middle of the proposed district that it might generate some interest in the property.</p>
<p><u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u></p>	<p>Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></p>	<p>9:01 PM</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio