

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2019

7:00 PM

Historical Commission Meeting Room
86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz, and Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin, Deborah Boggs, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Glenn Kessler, and Jason Mahler
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:06 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	June minutes deferred to next meeting.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	deferred
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	Open Space Committee: strong interest in the train station project Historic District Commission (HDC): R. Smith did not have much to report.
<u>INITIAL DETERMINATION</u> 16 Cutting Rd	"Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings" Article IX, Section 4 Is the property at 16 Cutting Rd significant under bylaw? Observations of architecture presented by Richard Smith and Dana Anderson. Deed research and atlases presented to members. Discussion ensued about whether or not if this is a historically significant building under the bylaw. Motion made by J. Reardon, seconded by R. Smith Under the preservation bylaw, 16 Cutting Road is not historically significant.

	<p>Comments to ZBA and building inspector: Motion added to the above that the 1902 Stipulations (attached) should be reviewed for consideration. Deed is found in Book 1685, page 384.</p> <p>Unanimous</p>
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Train Depot –J. Oliver gave an overview/background of the condition of the train station. G. Kessler gave an update about town’s previous concerns about soil contamination and having to pay for clean-up, as per the purchase & sale agreement.</p> <p><i>SHC requests that town administrator get in touch with Beverly to find out if they had to deal with contamination and what was involved? Would the MBTA make Swampscott responsible for clean-up of the site? We would take ownership of what was under the ground—tanks or other contaminants. Angela Ippolito did research on other North Shore train stations, and there was no contamination found along the line. Beverly Depot is a working restaurant, and Prides Crossing has been renovated—there are not issues at other stations.</i></p> <p><i>Action item: Ask the town administrator to contact/phone Beverly and ask about the process.</i></p> <p>The MBTA previously agreed to sell the station to Swampscott. In 2013, Town Meeting voted unanimously to purchase the station for \$50,000.</p> <p>Motion: N. Schultz D. Anderson seconds.</p> <p>The Historical Commission recommends that the town implement the motion approved by Town Meeting in 2013 and move forward with purchasing the train station and parking spaces from the MBTA, with the \$50,000 allocated and previously voted on at Town Meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>The vote is unanimous. <i>Chair J. Oliver will write a letter to inform Town Administrator and Select Board of the SHC vote.</i></p> <p>Discussion involved the assertion that we can raise money for the train station repairs through</p>

	<p>donations and grants. We need to preserve our history. FinCom and Capital Improvements Committee might also be a resource. We need a study of the building—prioritize the needs. We can consider approaching Mass Historical Commission to help with preservation</p> <p>Fish House—Community Development officer wants to meet with Historic District Commission & Historical Commission about the Fish House exterior.</p> <p>Phasing jobs so under \$10,000 to complete eliminates the need to have a bid. Trim will be finished by the end of this month & rotted trim replaced.</p> <p>2017 grant application detailed work to be done on the Fish House. The asphalt shingle roof has been replaced, and trim replacement is underway</p> <p>D. Anderson made the following motion, J. Reardon seconded: Motion: The Historic Commission is requesting that the town develop and communicate a master plan for the Fish House that will detail all planned restorations and renovations of both the exterior and interior as an expansion of the previous study put together in 2017.</p> <p>Discussion: Community Development seems to be taking the lead on the building renovation. Perhaps we need a liaison from the Select Board to oversee the renovations and pier. Don Hause is the liaison to Harbor Advisory—but perhaps there could be someone else appointed to oversee these repairs.</p> <p>Unanimous—motion carries</p> <p>Action Item: <i>Chair J. Oliver should convey the results of the vote to the town administrator.</i></p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Old Business: postponed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preservation Awards b. Inventory Forms/National Register Nominations c. Archives & 86 Burrill St

	d. Member Openings and Roles
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	<p>9:55 PM</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: J. Reardon D. Anderson seconded Unanimous Vote</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz