

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023
6:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Franceska O'Reilly, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Ken Shutzer
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2022</u>	J. Leamon moved to approve the minutes, J. Oliver seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	<p>N. Schultz raised issue of retaining preservation architect to assess conditions of buildings on Glover property, and suggested that developer could cover cost of assessment as condition for issuance of demolition permit. N. Schultz will speak to potential architect candidate and will update Commission at next meeting.</p> <p>Library/Commission did not receive grant for which they jointly applied, the money from which was to be used for archive work in the Baldwin Room.</p> <p>Commission received donation of 1969 Swampscott High School class ring. N. Schultz located former owner, who is considering whether he wants it returned. The donation prompted J. Oliver to suggest that Commission prepare a Swampscott High School history exhibit at Town Hall in the future.</p>

	<p>Commission received liquor license for January 25 opening of new exhibit at Town Hall (Swampscott hotels).</p> <p>N. Schultz has been asked to write a monthly column for <i>Swampscott Neighbors</i>, which will cover an interesting event in town history that happened during the month. Suggestions for topic ideas included Waldo Thompson book, 150th Anniversary booklet, annual town reports.</p> <p>N. Schultz has agreed to sit on a panel discussing Black history as part of SURE/Black History Month events.</p>
<p>4. <u>53 PURITAN ROAD</u></p>	<p>K. Shutzer updated Commission on 53 Puritan Road garage. According to K. Shutzer, owner completed near-total demolition and partial rebuild of garage. Building inspector issued cease and desist due to roof height violation, owner appealed to Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). K. Shutzer requested that Commission representative appear at ZBA hearing on January 17, 2023. Commission agreed to hold special meeting (virtual) to discuss the garage on January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>5. <u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p>	<p>R. Judkins reported no changes in accounts; general fund has \$4,000.00, revolving fund has \$2,546.61.</p> <p>J. Leamon submitted expenses for archive items (printer ink and paper, archive sleeves for photos, timers for exhibit display lights), totaling \$239.00. R. Smith moved to approve expense and apply towards Essex Heritage Grant funds, J. Oliver seconded. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
<p>6. <u>PLAQUE PROGRAM</u></p>	<p>J. Oliver reported that there were errors in historical report for 23 Lincoln Circle. Lisa Mausolf prepared corrected report at a cost of</p>

	<p>\$300.00. New plaque also needed. J. Oliver suggested that if the homeowner were to receive a Preservation Award (which includes a historical report and plaque at Commission expense), the Commission would not take the loss on the corrected report and plaque. K. Barry moved to nominate 23 Lincoln Circle for Preservation Award, with funds for report and plaque to be paid from general fund. R. Judkins and B. Graham voiced concern over voting without full consideration of Preservation Award application. R. Smith moved to revise the motion: Commission will pay L. Mausolf for corrected report out of general fund, and nominate property for Preservation Award. B. Graham seconded the revised motion. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>7. <u>INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE</u></p>	<p>J. Leamon located new, high-resolution photos for Blythswood sign. K. Barry informed Commission that Vacker is working on Blythswood and Lilac Garden signs. Frame for Lilac Garden sign has been sent to Town Hall.</p>
<p>8. <u>FACEBOOK UPDATE</u></p>	<p>K. Barry informed Commission that certain trigger words used to block posts automatically prevented legitimate post. Issue was rectified.</p>
<p>9. <u>COLLECTIONS UPDATE</u></p>	<p>J. Leamon requested assistance in organizing and storing boxes of archive materials. N. Schultz suggested having archivist return to do additional organization work. N. Schultz will get hourly rate from archivist and Commission will discuss retention at next regular meeting.</p> <p>K. Barry raised issue of gifting a National Register plaque to Andrews Chapel. K. Barry will bring quote for plaque to next regular meeting.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	

<p>10. <u>HOTEL EXHIBIT</u></p>	<p>Invitation for exhibit opening (January 25, 2023) has gone out, N. Schultz will place advertisement in Patch, J. Oliver will post to Facebook.</p> <p>K. Barry is working on getting stories from people who worked at, or had connection to, the hotels. Two people might be willing to give voice-only interviews for use in exhibit. Library has an existing interview that could be used. K. Barry suggested having video montage of hotel photos, with either music or interviews overlaid. J. Leamon will research photos for montage.</p> <p>R. Judkins will investigate whether Commission can spend funds on alcohol and refreshments for opening.</p>
<p>11. <u>TRAIN STATION</u></p>	<p>Town is working on long-term lease of station from MBTA. If Town can secure the lease, then Commission could apply for restoration grants. R. Smith raised concern about potential plan to extend the high-level platform and its impact on station building.</p>
	<p>Motion to adjourn by B. Graham, J. Oliver seconded. Meeting ended at 8:22 p.m.</p>
<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u>: Special Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Commission has agreed by consensus to continue to meet via Zoom until current rules expire. Those rules expire in March 2023; Commission to discuss at next regular meeting (February 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.).</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission