

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2023
6:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Franceska O'Reilly, Jean Reardon
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	<p>N. Schultz introduced Brendan Bradley, who has applied for appointment to the Commission.</p> <p>N. Schultz discussed with town diversity consultant Tamy-Fee Meneide the potential for the Commission to participate in Juneteenth celebration with middle school students.</p> <p>The Commission is working with the Historical Society to finalize plans for installation of the Lilac Garden interpretive sign. J. Oliver suggested the afternoon of May 24 for the dedication. She has contacted Gino Cresta regarding installation.</p> <p>N. Schultz discussed with the Historical Society jointly applying for a grant for a Glover festival. Application is due in June.</p>
3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	R. Judkins moved to approve minutes from April 6, 12, and 20, 2023 meetings. J. Oliver seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	R. Judkins reported that \$1,700 was paid for the structural report on the Glover house. General fund balance is \$224.00; revolving fund balance is \$3,741.61.

	<p>The Commission previously approved \$200 for archival materials but those have not been purchased. J. Leamon raised additional archival needs, including cleaning supplies and step stool to access shelving.</p> <p>Lynn Item issued a bill for \$172.80 associated with advertisement of the public hearing on the Glover house. B. Graham suggested the by-laws require the town to pay, and J. Oliver recalled submitting similar bills to the town in the past. M. Galazka will submit the bill to the town.</p> <p>J. Oliver moved to approve \$251.42 for archive transparencies, to be paid with exhibit grant funds. R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.</p>
5. <u>299 SALEM STREET (GENERAL GLOVER HOUSE)</u>	<p>N. Schultz will be touring the property with Representative Jenny Armini, who wants to connect the Commission with Revolution 250 groups.</p> <p>N. Schultz spoke with representatives from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Essex Heritage; both are interested in assisting with preservation efforts.</p> <p>Historical Society will set up a bank account for fundraising monies, as it is a charitable group.</p> <p>A fundraiser is set for May 28 at Hawthorne by the Sea. The Commission discussed the suggested donation for the event, and best ways to accept payment (PayPal, GoFundMe, etc.).</p> <p>N. Schultz presented various scenarios for the Glover house:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demolition, with limited salvage; 2. Dismantle and sell salvaged materials (similar to White Court);

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Dismantle and reassemble on another site; 4. Move the house as a whole to nearby site and restore; 5. Incorporate the house into the new development; 6. Leave the house in place to repurpose and reuse (real property on which the house sits would be carved out so it does not pass to developer); 7. Preserve the entire Glover site as a museum. <p>R. Smith stated that Option 4 is not impossible, but it would require shoring up the structure, and the house could not be moved far. He raised various issues that need to be considered, including new location and how best to manage the house once moved.</p> <p>K. Barry asked whether the house could be dismantled and stored until a new location is found. N. Schultz believed it could be stored in trailers on town-owned land. J. Oliver searched for town-owned land nearby Glover site and found none.</p> <p>B. Graham suggested that the Commission needs to select one of the above options now, and present that to the town and prospective donors as the Commission's vision. Comments at the public hearing suggested that this is what the public wants from the Commission. B. Graham also suggested that Options 3 and 4 are the only reasonable, viable options that potential donors will be inspired to support. N. Schultz agreed that time is limited to make a decision, but that all options need to be explored.</p>
<p>6. <u>PRESERVATION AWARDS</u></p>	<p>The Commission discussed the procedural history for 23 Lincoln Circle (initial plaque program application, issues with house research, need to correct errors on plaque).</p>

	<p>J. Oliver moved to approve 23 Lincoln Circle for Preservation “Stewardship” Award; J. Leamon seconded. Unanimously approved; B. Graham and K. Barry abstained.</p> <p>The Commission agreed to postpone discussion of 3 Hampden Street due to lack of photos of the property.</p>
7. <u>26 WINSHAW DEMOLITION PERMIT</u>	<p>R. Smith’s research showed that a vacant lot was sold in 1951, indicating that the house was built thereafter. He also opined that the style of the house places the construction date in the 1950s. Since the house is less than 75 years old, the Commission does not have review authority. N. Schultz will inform the building commissioner.</p>
8. <u>ARCHIVES/EXHIBIT</u>	<p>J. Leamon reported that the model ship Minnehaha has been restored, and he has been researching the history of the ship.</p> <p>K. Barry has been collecting photographs of fishing-themed scenes from Swampscott for the upcoming Town Hall exhibit. She will be interviewing a descendent of the owner of the Chaisson Boat Shop for a podcast.</p> <p>J. Oliver suggested that a portion of the fishing exhibit be devoted to General Glover, as he recruited fishermen for his regiment. K. Barry suggested contacting Marblehead for related materials.</p>
9. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>	<p>Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.. The Commission has agreed to continue to meet virtually via Teams.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission