

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2017

6:00 PM

86 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Justina Oliver, Bill Joyce, Bill Travascio, Shannon Phelan, Sylvia Belkin
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Richard Smith, Jean Reardon, Kim Barry, Paula Pearce
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	None
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:20 pm
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on May 4, 2017 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Justina as seconded by Sylvia.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Discussion of the treasurer's report was postponed until the regularly scheduled June meeting.
<u>69 ROCKLAND STREET:</u>	Members of the Historical Commission met to discuss the initial determination for the structure at 69 Rockland Street. Justina provided a recap of the history of the property. The purpose of the discussion was to determine whether the structure is considered significant in accordance with Section 4(b) 17 of Article IX of the town bylaw. Arguments offered in favor of its significance included the fact that the building was listed in the 1993 historical inventory survey (Area Form SWA.A) and is included with its own individual listing in the MACRIS database (SWA.409). It was also argued that, since the building likely meets the definition of significant as laid out in the bylaw, it would be prudent to hold a public hearing so that neighbors and other interested parties could comment on the initial determination and help determine the best course of action (i.e., moving forward with a demolition delay and/or negotiating with homeowners). Arguments provided against considering the building as significant included an opinion that the structure has changed too much from its original form. Members discussed that the initial determination is not necessarily choosing to enact a demolition delay but only

	<p>opening the dialogue with homeowners and interested parties, and also offers an opportunity to learn more about the history of the property. After discussion, members voted in favor (four in favor, one opposed) of making the initial determination that the building is considered significant in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 4(b)17 of the town bylaw, based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building is listed in the state's MACRIS database and is discussed in the 1993 historic inventory survey (meets criteria [iii] of Section 4 [b] 17). • As the house was built between 1850 and 1856, it either predates or was constructed concurrently with the founding of the town of Swampscott (meets criteria [i] of Section 4 [b] 17). • The structure has a unique architectural character, with cottage, Gothic, and Georgian detailing elements (meets criteria [ii] of Section 4 [b] 17). <p>Members agreed that a letter would be sent to notify the building department and homeowners of the initial determination, and a public hearing date would be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting in June.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	June 6, 2017
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	7:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary