

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2016

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

Second Floor Conference Room

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| <u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>         | Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin; Richard Smith; Justina Oliver, Jason Mahler, Shannon Phelan; William Joyce; Jean Reardon (Alternate Member); Kim Barry (Alternate Member)   |
| <u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>          | None  |
| <u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>          | None  |
| <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u> | 7:06 PM   |
| <u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>      | Justina reported that the Commission's funds currently contain \$1,250.00   |
| <u>MINUTES:</u>                 | Minutes for the Commission's March 1, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Sylvia, as seconded by Richard.  |
| <u>JOHNSON PARK REDESIGN:</u>   | Susan reported that one or two members of the Commission have been asked to participate in a design feedback meeting in connection with the Tufts grad students' park redesign project. The meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 at 11:00 am.                   |
| <u>MASTER PLAN:</u>             | Sylvia reported that the draft Master Plan is now online, with a meeting to discuss scheduled for April 14, 2016. The Commission discussed issues related to the eventual implementation of the Master Plan.  |
| <u>PRESERVATION GRANT:</u>      | Sylvia reported that the inventories for Puritan Road and Little's Point Lane have been completed, and our consultant is currently in the final stages of completing the final phase of the Project. The Commission reviewed selected example properties from the |

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|  | inventory.  |
| <u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>                              | Susan reported that the Commission has received three nominations to date: (1) 72 Banks Road; (2) 57 Greenwood Avenue; and (3) Andrews Chapel. The Commission discussed whether the usual wooden plaque would be appropriate attached to Andrews Chapel, or if a bronze plaque should be donated instead. The Commission also discussed the need to continue to solicit more nominations. |
| <u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT/<br/>OPEN SPACE UPDATES:</u>  | Richard reported that the LHD is in process for the Rockland Street Historical District.  |
| <u>57 ROCKLAND STREET<br/>DEMOLITION PERMIT REQUEST:</u> | The Commission discussed that the exterior and interior condition of 57 Rockland Street is declining, and that it appears the structure is not secure (i.e. doors are left open, windows have been removed).  |
| <u>WHITE COURT:</u>                                      | The Commission discussed the current status of the White Court property. Susan reported that the property has received interest from boutique hotel developers. The Commission discussed the status of proposed changes to the zoning bylaw allowing for hotel uses, which will be voted upon at Town Meeting.  |
| <u>MACHON:</u>   | Susan reported that the Board of Selectmen are set to vote upon two proposals for affordable senior housing at the Machon site on April 6, 2016.  |
| <u>GE STREET LIGHTING:</u>                               | Regarding the donation of new (decorative) street lighting for Humphrey Street, Sylvia stated that she is continuing to research contact information for a person at GE with whom to submit a request for a donation.   |
| <u>NEW OFFICE:</u>                                       | The Commission continued to discuss the fact that the Town is in the process of acquiring a disabled access ramp prior to the move to the Old Police Headquarters.  |
| <u>NEXT MEETING:</u>                                     | May 3, 2016   |
| <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>                                      | 9:00 PM   |

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler, Secretary