

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 11th, 2018

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin, Kim Barry, Justina Oliver, Paula Pearce, Richard Smith, and Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Nancy Shultz
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:04 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	The minutes from August 14 th , 2018 were approved as amended.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	The SHC balance is \$1250.00, no changes from the beginning of the fiscal year.
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	<p>Open Space Committee:</p> <p>Richard mentioned that there was no new update. The next meeting of the Open Space Committee is on Wednesday, August 29th. All are invited to attend.</p> <p>Historic District Commission:</p> <p>Richard mentioned that members of the Swampscott Yacht Club attended because they are concerned about the state of the Fish House, especially as winter approaches.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the roof of the Fish House being replaced. Ben Franklin, Chair of the District Commission, was going to talk to the Yacht Club about the project going out to bid and the bid process.</p> <p>Sylvia suggested that the Historical Commission send a letter to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen to reiterate how unique the Fish House is and how important it is to the history of the Town of Swampscott. The letter should also convey the wishes of the Historical Commission, that the restoration of the Fish House come to a speedy resolution before the</p>

	<p>building falls into further disrepair.</p> <p>Justina made a motion to draft a letter, Paula seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.</p>
<u>TRAILS & SAILS:</u>	<p>Justina said that the Commission would offer tours of the Elihu Thomson home on Saturday, September 22nd. Tours will take place at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. There will also be a slideshow of White Court.</p> <p>Richard added that he would give tours of the Frederick Law Olmsted Local Historic District on Saturday, September 29th at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Each tour is approximately 2 hours.</p> <p>Volunteers will be needed for both dates to help with sign-in and to help conduct the tours.</p> <p>Justina added that in 2017, Richard's tour won a People's Choice Award from Essex National Heritage.</p>
<u>2018 PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	<p>2 properties were nominated for Historic Preservation Awards:</p> <p>Home of Simon and Agatha Morrell – 21 Banks Road</p> <p>There was discussion about the style of the home. Richard believed that it could be Dutch style. There was also discussion about whether the windows of the home were original. The Assessors office states that the home dates back to about 1920. There was discussion about the property being award a Landscape Preservation award for the gardens that the homeowner planted.</p> <p>In addition, there was discussion about 32 Ross Road, known as the Glass House- which is being considered for a Perseveration Award based upon the building's unique contemporary design.</p>
<u>35 LITTLES POINT RD/WHITE COURT:</u>	<p>At the White Court auction on Sunday, August 26th \$25,000 was raised for ReachArts.</p> <p>Kim said that she would send copies of the pictures that the photographers took of White Court to Salem State, Historic New England, and the Massachusetts Historic Commission.</p>
<u>PRESERVATION BYLAW:</u>	<p>Commission to revisit the amendments to the Bylaw. Commission members Sylvia and Justina had met with the Town Administrator, Town Planner, and Planning</p>

	Board Chair to develop a structured procedure following the implementation of a demolition delay, specifically when structure is determined to be ‘preferably preserved’. The Commission members reviewed other City/Town ordinances for models to incorporate a list of elements required for an applicant to submit a mitigation or lift in the demo delay period. The Commission would be able to vote to lift a delay period. Bylaw draft to be circulated by email to all Commission members and discussed at a future meeting.
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	Train Depot – will the Depot be going out to bid by the MBTA beginning in October? More information forth coming.
<u>NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:</u>	Nancy Schultz joined the Commission’s meeting and expressed her interest in becoming a Regular Member and submitted an application to Town Hall. Justina to write a letter requesting an appointment of Nancy Schultz and Dana Anderson to the 2 open positions and re-appointments of Sylvia Belkin and Kim Barry.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, October 2 nd , 2018 at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio