

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2016

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

Second Floor Conference Room

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin; Richard Smith; Justina Oliver, Jason Mahler, Shannon Phelan; William Joyce; Jean Reardon (Alternate Member);
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry (Alternate Member)
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	George & Sarah Wattendorf Drew Esptein Sandy Jacobs Jeanne Leger Hall Alexa Divadkar Dan & Lisa Yaeger
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:07 PM
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Justina reported that the Commission's funds currently contain \$1,136.00
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Minutes for the Commission's April 5, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Sylvia, as seconded by Justina.
<u>ANDREW'S CHAPEL FLOORS:</u>	Due to some damage to the floors at Andrew's Chapel, the Andrew's Chapel Restoration Committee requested that the Commission donate \$500 toward repairs. The Commission discussed donating whatever is left at the end of the fiscal year to this effort. Sylvia moved that the Commission donate whatever is left at the end of the fiscal year (after all Commission expenses are paid) to the Andrew's Chapel Restoration Committee for the repair of floors, provided this is approved by Town Manager. Jason seconded this motion, and it was passed unanimously.
<u>PRESERVATION GRANT:</u>	Sylvia reported that all inventories are in the process of being finalized. Our consultant believes they will be completed within two weeks.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	Susan reported that the Commission has received three

	<p>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.</p>
<p><u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT/ OPEN SPACE UPDATES:</u></p>	<p>Richard reported that reviews continue in the ordinary course with respect to the Olmstead Historic District. Richard discussed some of the Tufts design proposals for Johnson Park.</p>
<p><u>57 ROCKLAND STREET DEMOLITION PERMIT REQUEST:</u></p>	<p>Richard described the professional architectural work he performed in an effort to show which historical portions of the site can be saved and incorporated into a new design. The Wattendorfs stated there is no room for compromise; they are not interested in saving any portion of the site. The Wattendorfs then requested that the Commission lift the demo delay. The Commission declined to make a motion. Susan explained that the purpose of the preservation bylaw is to explore alternatives to demolition, and as alternatives to demolition continue to exist (for example, the property may be sold), there is no reason to life the delay. The Commission discussed that the exterior and interior condition of 57 Rockland Street continues to decline, and features (including but not limited to roofing, doors, windows and gutters) have been removed in apparent violation of the preservation bylaw.</p>
<p><u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u></p>	<p>The Commission discussed criteria for the awarding of a Preservation Award, and whether certain elements (for example, vinyl windows OR vinyl/aluminum siding) would make a house ineligible for an award. William agreed to draft proposed criteria for future awards. Sylvia moved for 72 Banks Road to earn a 2016 Preservation Award. This motion was seconded by Jason. The motion passed, with Sylvia, Jason, Susan, Jean, William and Shannon voting for, and Justina and Richard voting against.</p>
<p><u>NEXT MEETING:</u></p>	<p>June 7, 2016</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></p>	<p>9:00 PM</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler, Secretary