

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 2nd, 2018

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Sylvia Belkin, Kim Barry, Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon, Richard Smith, and Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Paula Pearce
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Nancy Schultz
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:08 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	The minutes from the September 11 th , 2018 have been deferred to the next meeting
<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>No new update.</p> <p>Historic District Commission:</p> <p>Richard mentioned that the Historical District Commission recently had a table at the Swampscott Farmer's Market. Sylvia added that it was a great way to meet neighbors and to inform them about the work of the Commission. She mentioned that a dozen or two dozen people stopped by their booth to get information. Richard said that the organizers have space available for organizations in town, and that some other boards/commissions have had tables as well.</p> <p>Richard added that the Town has posted the position of Development Director and are waiting to receive applications for the position.</p>
<u>TRAILS & SAILS:</u>	Justina discussed the recent Trails and Sails event from Saturday, September 29 th . She recommended that the Commission review the dates for the event in advance, so that Essex Heritage can advertise the tour. Kim and Sylvia suggested that if the Commission

	<p>picks dates for the tour in advance, than the tour will be posted in Essex National Heritage’s printed catalogue. Richard added that he will be in next issue of <i>01907</i>, for hosting the Olmsted District tour.</p> <p>There was discussion about developing a 2019 calendar of events for the Commission. Richard suggested a shared calendar app called AirTable. Justina felt that this would be a good way for the Commission to be organized.</p>
<p><u>2018 PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u></p>	<p>Justina mentioned that Bob Leonard, the Historical Commission’s plaque manufacturer, would be contacted about the number of plaques needed- once the winners have been determined. In addition, he’ll be asked to make an additional 2 plaques for previous award winners, who were not given plaques previously. One suggestion was to have one of those plaques be for 168 Humphrey St. The Commission only began giving out plaques to award winners since 2014.</p> <p>Justina said that she reached out to the Board of Selectman’s office about dates for the awards reception. Usually it takes place before a Board of Selectmen’s meeting.</p> <p>So far the only two properties nominated for awards are: 21 Banks Road and 32 Ross Road.</p>
<p><u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u></p>	<p>Fish House:</p> <p>There was discussion about a \$2 million bond bill that the Town was named in for emergency repairs to the pier, Fish House, and the waterfront. Some of the funds will be used to fix the Fish House’s roof, which is in dire need of repair.</p> <p>Train Station:</p> <p>Justina mentioned that For the Love of Swampscott recently organized a cleanup at the station to remove brush and to trim overgrowth. She added that they are concerned about the state of building and intend to attend a future meeting of the Commission.</p> <p>Richard suggested that the Commission’s focus be on the Fish House and the Train Depot, before anything else.</p>

	<p>White Court:</p> <p>Sylvia mentioned that the Daily Item was going to write a follow-up article about the property.</p>
<u>NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:</u>	<p>Justina mentioned that two applications have been received for open Commission slots. One from Nancy Schultz, a Salem State University professor, and the other from Dana Anderson, a long time resident who has served on several Town boards previously.</p> <p>In addition, there was a discussion about the Commission member roles. A motion was made to elevate Bill Travascio from Treasurer to Secretary. Bill requested that the item be tabled to a future meeting.</p>
<u>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u>	<p>There was discussion about the Demolition bylaw. Justina and Sylvia said that they would be meeting with Ben Franklin, Chair of the Historic District Commission.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about establishing another historic district encompassing several properties near where White Court was. The proposal was for several properties on Little's Point Road to be it's own district, notably Blythswood Estate, Proctor Cottage, and, the Carriage House (23, 27, and 29 Little's Point Road).</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Wednesday, November 7 th at 7:00 pm.
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio