

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 17th, 2018

7:00 PM

86 Burrill Street Swampscott, MA 01907

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Richard Smith, Sylvia Belkin, and Bill Travascio
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Paula Pearce and Justina Oliver
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:10 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	The minutes from the previous meeting were deferred to be approved at an upcoming meeting.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	The SHC begins the new fiscal year with \$1250.00
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	<p>Open Space Committee:</p> <p>Richard mentioned that the Open Space Committee has begun to discuss a proposal that, if approved, would develop a Dog Park on a piece of vacant land behind the Swampscott Cemetery. The piece of land is accessible by paths that are in the cemetery. More information on the proposal will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Historical District Commission:</p> <p>Sylvia mentioned that First Lady Lauren Baker attended the Commission's last meeting. There was a discussion about preserving/replacing windows at the Baker residence.</p>
<u>2018 PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	Sylvia mentioned that information for the 2018 Preservation Awards will be posted on the Commission's page of the Town's website. All nominations will need to be submitted by Tuesday, August 21 st . Members of the public are encouraged to nominate properties. Structures that are 75 years old, or older, are typically the kinds of structures that are nominated. Sylvia added that Preservation Award winners will be celebrated at the Board of Selectmen's December meeting.

	<p>Dana Anderson, architect and a member of the Historic District Commission, was present and offered some suggestion about the Preservation Awards. He asked if mid-century modern homes (1950's) could be nominated?</p> <p>All Commission members present encouraged Mr. Anderson to submit, or direct anyone who is interested in submitting an application, to submit one to the Historical Commission.</p> <p>The Commission members discussed sending a note to the Swampscott Reporter to ask them to run an announcement that the Historical Commission is seeking nominations for the 2018 Preservation Awards and that nominations can be made online through the Town's website.</p>
<u>TRAILS & SAILS:</u>	<p>Sylvia mentioned that the annual Trails & Sails event, coordinated by Essex Heritage, will be September 21st & 23rd and 28th & 30th.</p> <p>The Commission members discussed hosting tours of the Elihu Thomson home once again. Richard added that he would give a tour of the Olmstead District again as well. The Commission decided that it would host these events on Saturday, September 22nd. All Commission members would be encouraged to volunteer. The Commission will reach out to the Swampscott Historical Society to ask if they would like to Co-host the tours with the Historical Commission.</p>
<u>WHITE COURT:</u>	<p>Conservators from the Peabody Essex Museum visited the property in June to document the 1st and 2nd floors of the main building. Findings of the visit will be discussed at the August 7th meeting of the Commission. The Swampscott Historical Commission, along with any other stakeholders, will receive a copy of the photographs. Demolition of the property will begin sometime after September 3rd.</p>
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	Tuesday, August 7 th , 2018 at 7:00 pm
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Travascio