

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Franceska O'Reilly, Kim Barry, Brendan Bradley
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	Doug Thompson
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	<p>N. Schultz will be meeting with the developer of the Glover property to discuss next steps, as well as with Structures North to obtain a cost estimate for the restoration/preservation of the Glover house. N. Schultz also will be meeting with historical groups from Marblehead and Salem regarding partnership on the Glover property.</p> <p>Town has advanced money for John Clemson to begin historical research on Glover property, which will be reimbursed by site developer Leggat McCall.</p> <p>Demolition of 35 Pitman Road is scheduled for September 15. Lot at 7 Hillside appears to be the only option for siting the house if moved, but there are zoning issues to be resolved. J. Oliver spoke with Marzie Galazka on that issue; the property owner was granted permission to build on the lot. The current owner has provided a copy of the permission record to town counsel for review. Doug Thompson, the new Select Board liaison to the Commission, is now involved and is working with the Affordable Housing Trust to support the Commission's efforts. House mover Wolfe will be providing a cost proposal for the move shortly. J. Oliver has</p>

	<p>contacted contractors regarding the cost of pouring foundation. R. Smith drew a site plan showing the possible orientation of the house on the 7 Hillside lot.</p> <p>Town has informed N. Schultz that the additional \$1,000 promised for the Commission's annual budget likely will need to come before Town Meeting. J. Oliver suggested that the Commission also request an increase in the revolving fund limit, and the creation of a new fund for holding preservation funds (for Glover house, etc.).</p>
3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	R. Judkins moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting. J. Oliver seconded. Unanimously approved, with R. Smith abstaining.
4. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<p>R. Judkins reported that the Commission received a deposit in the revolving fund for a new plaque, and \$300 was paid to Lisa Mausolf (discussed during prior meeting).</p> <p>The revolving fund has a balance of \$4,351.61. The general fund has a balance of \$2,908.97.</p>
5. <u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u>	All current officers agreed to continue in their current roles, if elected. J. Oliver moved to approve the slate of current officers for reappointment for another year. K. Barry seconded. Unanimously approved.
6. <u>MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE</u>	The Master Plan Committee has requested that a Commission member sit on a new committee to devise an updated master plan for the Town's priorities. N. Schultz volunteered to be that member and will obtain additional information.

<p>7. <u>FISHING EXHIBIT</u></p>	<p>K. Barry provided an update on the positive reception to the exhibit to date. N. Schultz proposed holding an official launch event. J. Leamon suggested inviting the restorer of Minnehaha ship model; K. Barry suggested inviting Chaisson family member. N. Schultz will check on Town Hall availability for September 13 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>J. Leamon requested funds to purchase a control for the exhibit video, to allow viewers to adjust volume, etc. K. Barry moved to approve up to \$50.00 for that purchase, to come from the general fund. R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>8. <u>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT</u></p>	<p>The Select Board has been discussing adoption of the CPA. B. Graham suggested inviting Angela Ippolito to the Commission's next meeting to discuss her past efforts regarding the CPA. N. Schultz will contact her.</p>
<p>9. <u>ENDANGERED PROPERTIES</u></p>	<p>N. Schultz suggested devising a strategic preservation plan for important properties, including the Fish House, train station, etc. R. Smith raised specific issues with preserving the Fish House, including the need to lift the house or create a flood barrier to avoid water damage. Any Fish House plan will need to be a coordinated effort with other Town entities, including the Harbor Committee.</p> <p>B. Graham provided information on the conservation restrictions applicable to the Blythswood estate, including the Town's right of first refusal if the property is offered for sale, and certain rights held by the Conservation Commission that could be delegated to the Historical Commission. J. Oliver suggested that Blythswood needs to be included in the Master Plan. B. Graham advised that he needs additional information on the current status of the property to better</p>

	<p>understand the most pressing preservation concerns. He is willing to meet with the Conservation Commission, Marzie Galazka, and Sean Fitzgerald to discuss further.</p> <p>R. Judkins is continuing his efforts to identify the oldest houses in Swampscott.</p>
10. <u>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</u>	<p>Town is looking for committees to set up tables at the weekly farmers' market for the purpose of community outreach. General consensus among Commission members is that more outreach will be needed after we have more information on the Glover house preservation effort. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>R. Judkins offered to hold another seminar on deed research for community members. J. Oliver suggested that the seminar be in-person so that participants can receive direct assistance during the seminar.</p>
11. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>	<p>Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Commission has agreed to continue to meet virtually via Teams.</p>
	Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission