

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Jonathan Leamon, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Richard Smith (6:50), Franceska O'Reilly, Kim Barry
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	Paul Feldman (Davis, Malm & D'Agostine); Sam Cole (Leggatt McCall)
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
<u>2. GRANT APPLICATION</u>	N. Schultz submitted application to Massachusetts Cultural Council for unrestricted grant (\$5,000 - \$75,000). Decision expected January 2023.
<u>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022</u>	B. Graham moved to approve as amended; R. Judkins seconded. Approved with one abstention (F. O'Reilly).
<u>4. TREASURER'S REPORT – R. JUDKINS</u>	General fund: \$4,000 (no change). Revolving fund: \$2,546.61, after \$520.63 payment for signs. J. Leamon requested additional archival polyester sleeves for photos in collection. R. Judkins moved to approve payment from revolving fund (1) up to \$500.00 for 300 sleeves, and (2) \$100.00 for Indigenous Peoples exhibit review by Mary Ellen Lepionka (see below), with expectation that both expenses will be reimbursed through grants. K. Barry seconded. Unanimously approved.
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	

<p><u>5. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EXHIBIT</u></p>	<p>J. Leamon contacted Pauline Woodward, instructor in Native American literature, to review photos of Danielle Strauss’s potential exhibit items. P. Woodward provided opinions regarding commercial versus authentic items.</p> <p>Anthropologist Mary Ellen Lepionka will provide further opinion on which items are culturally appropriate to display, for \$100.00 fee (approved, see above).</p> <p>M. Lepionka will give presentation sponsored by Historical Society (October 20, 2022) which will include information regarding indigenous groups in Swampscott area.</p> <p>Commission will sponsor presentation by historian Tad Baker (November 12, 2022) on indigenous peoples in Swampscott area; honorarium to be funded through Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.</p> <p>T. Baker to provide timeline for occupation of Swampscott area, potentially to be incorporated into mural in Town Hall.</p>
<p><u>6. PLAQUE PROGRAM</u></p>	<p>J. Oliver has agreed to continue coordination of plaque program, with assistance from N. Schultz and R. Judkins. Further discussion deferred to next meeting when J. Oliver present.</p>
<p><u>7. HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE SIGNS</u></p>	<p>K. Barry received quotes from Vacker for additional signs: (1) \$1,776.00 (Blythswood interpretive sign, directional sign for public right-of-way, shipping); (2) \$1,200.00 (Lilac Garden interpretive sign, shipping). Significant increase in cost compared to prior signs due to increased supply costs. Shipping cost will be reduced if both signs shipped together. Historical Society will contribute \$600.00 towards Lilac Garden sign.</p> <p>Marzie Galazka will be requesting funds for town-wide signage to provide a cohesive graphic identity for the town, per R. Smith. Part of that funding will include signage identifying Blythswood public right-of-way.</p> <p>K. Barry moved to approve Lilac Garden sign expenditure at Vacker quote price, with Blythswood sign decision to be deferred pending</p>

	<p>additional information regarding overlap with graphic identity program. R. Smith seconded.</p> <p>B. Graham sought clarification. Graphic identity program will only provide directional signage; no content overlap with historical interpretive sign.</p> <p>K. Barry amended motion to approve up to \$2,400.00 for Blythswood and Lilac Garden interpretive signs (amount accounts for Vacker quote, less the directional sign for public right-of-way included in that quote, combined shipping savings, contribution from Historical Society). R. Judkins seconded. Unanimously approved. K. Barry to obtain updated quotes from Vacker.</p>
<p><u>8. FACEBOOK PAGE</u></p>	<p>The group Facebook page requires users to answer an initial question before posting, in an attempt to filter out bots and potential spammer posts. K. Barry changed the initial question from a request for a Swampscott address (to confirm residency) to a request for the user's interest and connection to Swampscott, a more open-ended question. An additional filter set up this past summer allows automatic initial post approval for those whose profiles state their location as Swampscott or within 25 miles of town.</p>
<p><u>9. 53 PURITAN ROAD</u></p>	<p>N. Schultz contacted Zoning Board of Appeals chair Marc Kornitsky regarding strengthening communication between ZBA and Commission, and Commission's interest in 53 Puritan. Awaiting response.</p>
<p><u>10. COLLECTION POLICY</u></p>	<p>B. Graham explained initial draft of collection policy, including need for specificity in identifying items for acquisition. Ideally, unique identifying number would be assigned to each item prior to acquisition and be included in letter to donor. J. Leamon and B. Graham to discuss numbering conventions; N. Schultz to incorporate same in pending donation letters. Further discussion deferred to next meeting.</p>

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
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<u>11. GENERAL GLOVER HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT</u>	<p>Paul Feldman and Sam Cole presented and answered questions regarding redevelopment of General Glover property. Current buildings to be demolished and replaced with 140 residential units, common building, and surface and garage parking, pending approval of Marblehead and Swampscott (“several months away” from development proceeding). Plans have been submitted to Planning Board and are publicly available.</p> <p>Existing granite pillars will be preserved, incorporated into new design including benches for nearby bus stop.</p> <p>Architect has determined existing buildings are in poor condition, some unsafe to enter. Developers want to identify specific historically significant elements for removal and preservation; access to site for identification of those elements will be determined. J. Leamon specifically requested access to second floor dining room, which is likely to have historical artifacts. Per S. Cole, unsafe to enter at this time.</p> <p>N. Schultz raised potential for moving building(s) to avoid demolition, potentially for use as affordable housing. P. Feldman will discuss with architect and contractor, although Glover House itself likely too unstable for move. P. Feldman confirmed that developer will not contribute financially to any building move.</p> <p>At K. Barry’s request, P. Feldman will determine method of demolition (“wrecking ball” versus careful dismantling to allow for artifact collection).</p> <p>N. Schultz raised potential for preservation of sundial and installing interpretive sign on property. R. Smith suggested incorporating existing architectural elements into common</p>
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	areas of new building. Developer open to these ideas. P. Feldman and S. Cole agreed to update Commission during November or December meeting.
	Motion to adjourn by R. Judkins; seconded by J. Leamon. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
<u>Next meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.</u>	Commission has agreed by consensus to continue to meet on Zoom until current rules expire.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission