

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith, Jean Reardon,
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	N/A
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Josh Jordan, Alexandra von Arsdale (33 Mapledale); Romeo Moreira, Max Kasper
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:34 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	Moved approval with corrections: Ryan Judkins, and J. Leamon seconded
<u>3. TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	J. Oliver reached out to new town accountant. Our current budget remains at \$312.51 and \$2,793 in revolving fund. There needs to be some additional plaque research paid out of the budget. J. Oliver will reach out to Ethan Rundstadler to find out what he has been paid and if he is owed further compensation.
<u>4. COMMITTEE STAFFING & OFFICERS</u>	J. Oliver expressed interest in continuing the chair's position at least until June 2022. K. Barry made a motion that we consider co-chairs. No second is recorded. J. Oliver self-nominated for chair, and J. Reardon seconded. J. Leamon nominated N. Schultz, seconded by K. Barry, for vice chair. Kim B nominated J. Leamon for secretary, and R. Smith seconded. N. Schultz nominated R. Judkins for treasurer, D. Anderson seconded. B. Graham asked if there is an established procedure to elect officers. Typically, this has been a one-year term. K. Barry reported on procedures that she gathered from S. Duplin. J. Oliver made motion to

	<p>approve the slate. J. Reardon seconded. The new slate of officers was unanimously approved.</p>
<p><u>4. PRESERVATION BYLAW INITIAL DETERMINATION</u></p> <p>a. <u>33 Mapledale Place</u></p> <p>b. <u>Stanley School: 0 Whitman Road</u></p>	<p>a. J. Oliver reviewed the process for initial determination. J. Oliver asked that we take up the preservation of 33 Mapledale Place first since the owners (J. Jorden & A. Von Arsdale) were present. House is not listed in MACRIS. R. Moreira explained the plans for the new structure. R. Judkins moved, J. Leamon seconded a motion that given that the house does not seem to fit any of the criteria for historical significance under the purview of this committee, it be not considered historically significant. Unanimously agreed and approved. J. Oliver will inform Max Kasper.</p> <p>b. Stanley School presented for demolition. The building dates to 1929, with a 1950 addition. J. Leamon asked if there were any artwork or design elements worth preserving? Was this a WPA project? It might be worthwhile to walk through. J. Oliver suggested exhibition space to show the history of Swampscott elementary schools could be included in the design for the new building. J. Reardon suggested that some of the history of the names of the site be recognized. The Stanley School is listed in MACRIS. Motion made J. Oliver, seconded by B. Graham: the Stanley school is historically significant according to the criteria of the Commission. Unanimously approved. The Commission will approve the demolition with a condition of a site a visit by May 2022 to inventory any salvageable elements, and would be interested in working with the architectural team to recognize important aspects of the history of the elementary schools. The added conditions were moved by R. Smith, seconded by J. Leamon. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p><u>6. HISTORIC INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</u></p>	<p>The Historic District Commission has requested a site visit for the placement of the signage. The HDC has requested a map of where the signs would be placed. They will also need to see the design of the stand. Discussion ensued about a rail design or a case, and situating the signs.</p>

<p><u>7. PUBLIC OUTREACH</u></p> <p>a. <u>History Days, 2022 (R.Judkins)</u></p> <p>b. <u>Exhibition (J. Leamon)</u></p>	<p>R. Judkins gave updates on the history festival—the Harbor Fest is going to be incorporated as part of the event, including the blessing of the fleet. The dates are June 25-26, 2022. J. Oliver suggested to the committee that it consider what Marblehead has a logo contest, or K. Barry had suggested REACH ARTS. “Summer History Festival” is the tentative title. December 11 holiday event at town hall. Good opportunity to talk up the exhibition and Summer History Festival.</p> <p>J. Leamon discussed the rotation of the exhibit. We had considered Walter Brennan but he has not turned out to be a good subject for various reasons. We could plan to do an exhibit relating to the 170th anniversary.</p>
<p><u>8. 2025 Swampscott Master Plan and Goals</u></p>	<p>8. J. Oliver requested that we begin working on developing this. Good goal—historic properties preservation projects fund for Fish House. J. Oliver will prioritize this as a 2022 project. Grant is due March 2022 (see item d below). Committee member asked about updates on the Train Station. The Town has not been able to negotiate a lease with the MBTA. Committee member asked about 35 Pitman Road. Community Development is working with Habitat for Humanity on the transfers to a buildable lot. Town would donate funds toward relocation of the house. Marzie is asking for the committee to put together preservation requests for the house. J. Oliver will send out an email requesting ideas.</p>
<p><u>9. OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a. <u>86 Burrill</u></p> <p>b. <u>Preservation Awards</u></p> <p>c. <u>Plaque Program</u></p> <p>d. <u>Historic Properties: Preservation Projects Fund for the Fish House (due March 2022)</u></p>	

<u>10. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION</u>	J. Leamon mentioned partial demolition of two houses (29 Glen Rd., 31 Beach Ave.) that may have been considered by SHC. These had only been discussed at ZBA. One is a partial tear-down—going to ZBA for a special request. Addition at 31 Beach Ave has already been approved.
<u>11. Closing</u>	J. Reardon moved to adjourn, R. Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
<u>Next meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022 6:30 p.m.</u>	

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schultz