

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022
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
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Thad Siemasko, Sam Cole, Jeff and Wendy Mayer, Angela Ippolito, Ralph Edwards
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. <u>PRESENTATION ON GLOVER PROPERTY</u>	<p>T. Siemasko and S. Cole presented on redevelopment of Glover property, and preliminarily addressed Commission's letter to the Planning Board requesting certain considerations.</p> <p>1. Commission requested that property artifacts be incorporated into new development. T. Siemasko suggested that sundial, light posts (six of nine likely salvageable) could be used in garden area, along with new benches and interpretive sign. Existing iron fencing and gates could be used in garden area, dog walk area. Existing flagstones could be used as pavers in garden area. Front door to Sunbeam Inn could be used as interior door.</p> <p>2. Developers will retain researcher John Clemson (Historic Preservation Inc.) to research property, including deed history, and prepare a Massachusetts Historical Commission Form B. J. Oliver suggested Commission reach out to J. Clemson to coordinate efforts.</p>

	<p>3. Developers will notify Commission of any archaeological finds during excavation. K. Barry concerned about items being destroyed or overlooked; T. Siemasko will look into how that can be avoided.</p> <p>4. Developers will allow assessment of feasibility of moving any existing buildings to new location prior to demolition. T. Siemasko is concerned about delaying project.</p> <p>Developers will prepare formal response to Commission’s letter to Planning Board.</p> <p>S. Cole informed Commission that construction at the property will start in late summer or early fall 2023. T. Siemasko stated that he can submit demolition permit application before property is transferred from Athenas family, as long as he has letter of authority.</p> <p>W. Mayer shared her thoughts on the importance of the Glover property to the community. While she has reservations about the development, she is pleased with Commission’s efforts to preserve as much as possible.</p> <p>A. Ippolito informed Commission that old plot plans for Glover property are online. She has all deeds related to the property. She recommended that Commission have someone supervise the excavation and demolition. K. Barry investigated that; cost would be very high. A. Ippolito believes Town could provide funding.</p>
<p>3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022</u></p>	<p>J. Leamon moved to approve the minutes, R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>4. <u>TREASURER’S REPORT; FUNDRAISING</u></p>	<p>Account balances remain the same as last meeting. J. Leamon submitted archive/exhibit-related expenses of \$544.00, which can be charged against Essex Heritage</p>

	<p>grant. R. Smith moved to authorize expenses against the grant, K. Barry seconded. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>J. Oliver will submit \$684.47 from summer t-shirt sales for deposit in Commission’s account.</p> <p>N. Schultz suggested fundraiser similar to “Street Curator,” who sells photographs of Boston doorways. We could do Swampscott scenes, buildings, etc., on posters, in books, or on note cards for sale. R. Smith could take photos.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
<p>5. <u>PLAQUE PROGRAM</u></p>	<p>J. Oliver requested that announcement be placed in Town newsletter regarding resumption of plaque program. R. Judkins suggested announcement on Facebook page. N. Schultz suggested delaying announcement until January to avoid it getting lost during holidays.</p>
<p>6. <u>INTERPRETIVE SIGNS</u></p>	<p>K. Barry has spoken with Vacker. Minor changes are needed to Lilac Garden sign, and then it will be ready to print.</p> <p>J. Leamon is searching for new photos for Blythswood sign, to replace current low-resolution images. Commission and Conservation Commission will be listed as sponsors of sign, with Commission listed first as it provided the funding.</p>
<p>7. <u>FACEBOOK</u></p>	<p>According to K. Barry, there are trigger words which, if used, automatically result in a declined post. These avoid commercial and political posts. K. Barry asks any Commission members who ban user or delete posts to note reason for doing so.</p>
<p>8. <u>35 PITMAN</u></p>	<p>Planned meeting of Affordable Housing Trust did not happen on December 1. N. Schultz</p>

	will update Commission when meeting is rescheduled.
9. <u>COLLECTIONS</u>	N. Schultz has been drafting donation acceptance letters and they are going out to donors. She will be meeting with potential donor who has commemorative plates from 1970s.
NEW BUSINESS	
10. <u>BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION</u>	<p>R. Edwards is with SURE. He is planning celebration in February with the theme “Black History Is Our History,” to show that all people are impacted by Black history. Event will include panel of speakers on Black history and how that history has impacted their lives. R. Edwards asked Commission to collaborate and raise awareness of event. Commission will discuss how we can participate.</p> <p>N. Schultz suggested we incorporate information from current Town Hall exhibit on 3 Boynton Street. R. Judkins suggested producing pamphlets on various historical issues, including one on Black history, for distribution during Town events. N. Schultz will take photos of Town Hall exhibits to put on webpage. K. Barry offered to set up webpages and table of contents for future contents. R. Judkins suggested Commission start with material from 150th Anniversary booklets.</p> <p>Smithsonian has traveling exhibit on Negro Motorist Green Book. Commission could request visit, although there are concerns about ability to host. We will consider at future meeting.</p>
11. <u>HISTORY FESTIVAL</u>	Discussion regarding potential history festival in 2023. R. Judkins made significant efforts to engage with vendors, exhibitors, etc., for 2022 festival, but unfortunately many of them did not follow through. Additional support is

	needed from the Town. K. Barry suggested that Commission focus on Town Hall exhibits and website/pamphlets in lieu of 2023 festival. Commission will discuss again during January 2023 meeting.
12. <u>ARCHIVIST</u>	N. Schultz worked with Town Library to submit initial proposal to hire archivist to address Baldwin Room. She is waiting to hear whether full proposal can be submitted.
13. <u>SWAMPSCOTT TRAIN STATION</u>	N. Schultz suggested that Commission focus on train station in 2023. K. Barry suggested that other entities within Town government have worked with MBTA on the future of the station. N. Schultz will get more information from Marzie Galazka.
14. PRESERVATION IMPORTANCE	J. Leamon raised issue of outreach on preservation issues. He circulated photos of laurel wreath window carving at White Court prior to renovation, and new replica of same. He suggested that these photos could be used to show community what is lost when original elements are not preserved.
	Motion to adjourn by F. O'Reilly, R. Judkins seconded. Meeting ended at 8:36 p.m.
<u>NEXT MEETING</u> : Thursday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.	Commission has agreed by consensus to continue to meet via Zoom until current rules expire.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission