

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	None
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	R. Smith moved to approve with corrections. N. Schultz seconded.
<u>3. TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<p>Per R. Judkins...no changes...Refund – JDB preservation services</p> <p>The Town Treasurer has requested that we refrain from paying for items until they are delivered, unless the order is from Staples. It is difficult to back out charges for failed deliveries.</p> <p>Plaques and research must be paid upon delivery...Refund due for 8 plaques. J. Oliver in touch with Trang on refunds.</p>
<u>4. PRESERVATION BYLAW APPLICATION UPDATES</u> A. Inventory/tour of Stanley School during February School vacation (date set?)-J. Oliver B. Update on 53 Puritan Rd.	<p>A. Inventory/tour of Stanley School cannot take place during February School vacation as Max Kasper, Director of Facilities, who will accompany the tour, is away. We can meet on any weekday after school, or on a Saturday. We must provide two days' notice as this will be a public meeting. J. Oliver will poll the Commission for availability.</p> <p>B. Update on 53 Puritan Rd. – There is only one other known instance of a demolition without a permit: Mission on the Bay Restaurant Property.</p>

<p>C. Update on 35 Pitman Rd.</p>	<p>The penalty was a requirement to add brick and bollards on the adjacent sidewalk. R. Smith indicated that the original ridge is still in the roof, so it can be restored. J. Leamon met with Building Inspector R. Baldacci following last month's HC meeting to review documents. Both parties agree that both the Building Inspector and the Historical Commission have enforcement authority in the area of full and partial demolitions. The Historical Commission will pursue the enforcement action approved unanimously at its August 3, 2021 meeting; to require restoration of the property.</p> <p>J. Leamon and B. Graham will meet with Town Counsel to discuss next steps.</p> <p>C. Update on 35 Pitman Rd. J. Oliver asked HC members to list items which we would like incorporated into preservation of the home. Clapboard should be used to restore the exterior; no vinyl. We would like to move the granite foundation, newel post, mantles, timbers, beehive oven...a number of items. We must put a preservation easement on the property in order to preserve the interior. Can also be a single property historic district, similar to the Fish House. Habitat for Humanity would have to agree to that. Blythswood has a preservation easement...owner put restrictions in the deed, in exchange for a reduction in property taxes. We can only request that Habitat for Humanity put a preservation easement...Habitat will sell the building at a lower cost with a provision in the deed to sell at lower cost in the future. The deed is for land, technically, not for the house...we will run by a real estate lawyer who deals with historic properties...set it up with Bruce Paradise in advance (1) Easement or (2) report back at next meeting...Does Habitat for Humanity have a lawyer on staff to answer question? B. Graham will reach out to friends who are experts in the field. R. Smith-exterior treatment typically requires historically approved materials. J. Leamon added restoration of the triple hung window on left side, toward rear of home, currently partially boarded up.</p> <p>Chimney had collapsed in previous years and is no longer functional. J. Oliver will get an update</p>
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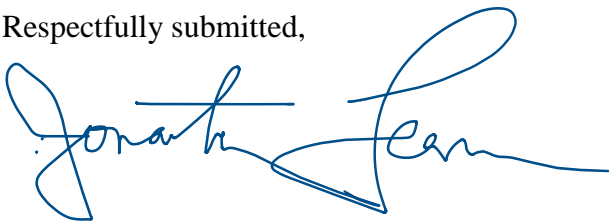
	<p>from Marzie Galazka...the move should happen in the spring...town is not involved...the Historical Commission is facilitating move via two entities (Bruce Paradise and Habitat for Humanity).</p> <p>D. Anderson commented on being specific about what the Historical Commission wants; B. Graham will explore with Real Estate attorney. Habitat for Humanity will own and move the home. We may get some funding from the Affordable Housing Trust. D. Anderson feels we should be part of this process. K. Barry recommended D. Anderson serve as our liaison and has volunteered to be our liaison on 35 Pitman Rd, and he has agreed.</p>
<p><u>5. HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE</u></p> <p>A. <u>Update on installations of 4 signs</u></p> <p>B. <u>Proposal for additional sign in Lilac Garden in memory of Lou Gallo</u></p>	<p>Gino Cresta indicates that the signs will be installed once ground defrosts. J. Leamon has offered to be present to confirm sign placement locations during installation. J. Oliver asked Marzie Galazka to get price for Vacker hardware/frame to hang Fish House sign on rails. Hardware must be ordered to mount sign. Existing hardware will be used for our next sign instead, i.e. Lilac Garden.</p> <p>J. Oliver spoke with Molly Conner about Lady Deborah Moody...lilac garden was planted in memory of her through Louie Gallo's effortsshe was cast out of Swampscott..."single, spinster...went to Brooklyn and set up her own village... Historic...she bought the Humphrey Estate...can be part of our rotating exhibit...K. Barry will help J. Oliver with this sign/history.</p>
<p><u>6. PUBLIC OUTREACH</u></p> <p>A. <u>HISTORY DAYS 2022 June 25-26, 2022 – R. JUDKINS</u></p>	<p>N Schultz, J. Oliver and R. Judkins met with Danielle Strauss...wants Strawberry and Harbor Fest...to be incorporated...also spoke with Reach Arts...will run craft fair...Cultural Council would like to fund activities for the festival...demonstrators and performers...they have money left in their budget and want to help out...R. Judkins needs numbers from the artisans...in order to get funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.</p>

<p><u>B. MUSEUM EXHIBITION – J. LEAMON</u></p> <p><u>POTENTIAL SCHOOL TOURS</u></p>	<p>Amy O’Connor...Chair of School Committee...spoke with Pam Angelakis...can cc and reach out to principals to get involved. N. Schultz is working on Yacht Club collaboration. There will be a newsletter of events and schedule booklet. Fireworks are on July 3...Strawberry Festival and parade are same day...may be too many things on one day...Harbor Festival Saturday. Sunday: Farmer’s Market.</p> <p>Booklet we put together would be just for our events...per N. Schultz...not all events. Omit material that is outside of our defined program. We plan to use this booklet to raise the profile of the Historical Commission in Swampscott.</p> <p>Cultural Council is interested in supporting the festival with funding and may do a logo contest. Reach Arts not interested, but individual artists might apply.</p> <p>Dory will be displayed on town common from Historical Society...</p> <p>Announcement has been placed in the Newsletter. Incorrectly referenced “Historical Society.” This is being corrected.</p> <p>J. Leamon has reached out to Sean Fitzgerald regarding the Elihu Thomson desk unveiling; we would like to put that event on the calendar before the exhibit closes. J. Leamon and N. Schultz working on this.</p> <p>Sylvia Belkin has offered to do school tours with J. Leamon. J. Leamon will obtain her schedule, then coordinate with superintendent and possibly principals.</p>
<p><u>7. 2025 SWAMPSCOTT MASTER PLAN AND SHC’S VISION/GOALS</u></p> <p><u>A. RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY HC MEMBERS</u></p> <p><u>B. ACTION ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE 6 YEARS AGO.</u></p>	<p>Attached with comments received from HC members as well as original action items. See attachment.</p>

<p><u>8. OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>a. 29 Glen Rd – ZBA Application</u></p> <p><u>b. 86 Burrill – archives and spare room on second floor</u></p> <p><u>c. Preservation Awards Update</u></p> <p><u>d. Plaque Program Update</u></p>	<p>29 Glen Rd. permits are on hold pending a better set of plans. J. Leamon attended a Zoning Commission meeting where the owner described plans to add a substantial exterior staircase from ground level to the third floor and remove a double-hung window on each floor and replace with sliding glass doors, essentially creating balconies on each level. The extent of the work may constitute a partial demolition, and the alteration must be significant. The owner's description does not match the submitted plans (specifically the doors) so this will need to be reviewed further if the home is deemed historic. Home is not in an historic district. R. Baldacci, Building Inspector has offered to come to a meeting of the H.C. to discuss further how our two areas interact. J. Leamon will invite Mr. Baldacci to our next meeting on March 3.</p> <p>J. Leamon reached out to Max Kasper, who indicated that the empty room at the top left of the staircase is available for our use. The room and closet can be used for storage and archive research by the SHC...we can use additional storage for Historical Society, Library and Town Hall documents based on greatest need. Research space. Only downside-no elevator...but completes our space needs. Accommodate people who cannot climb stairs. J. Oliver will reach out to Molly re: their archives. J. Leamon spoke with electrician working at 86 Burrill; archive space on second floor will receive new light fixtures as entire building is being rewired. Concern with light fixtures...UV light can degrade paper documents...LED more selective on lighting...speak with R. Smith about appropriate type of lighting.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Our sign costs lowest in the area. We need to raise our prices. Research cost is going from \$250 to \$350 with our new researcher, Lisa Mausolf. She honored \$250 for 5 reports she needs to fulfill. Lisa, who lives in Reading; will take photos and she has subscriptions to Ancestry and other public records. Jackie, our</p>
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<p><u>e. Grant Opportunities:</u></p> <p><u>i. Historic Properties: Preservation Projects Fund for the Fish House (due March 2022)</u></p> <p><u>ii. Essex National Heritage Grant – applications open January 17</u></p> <p><u>iii. NARA recommendations- future applications</u></p>	<p>prior researcher, is not available at all to do these until the spring...also her services will increase to \$450. Our Town Treasurer requests that we hold payment until after the work is completed in order to avoid refund situations.</p> <p>Max Kasper indicated that Town funding is available to restore the balustrade, so there is no need to apply for a grant for that.</p> <p>Essex Heritage Grant-matching...up to \$2,000 available for archive work and displays. We received this grant last year. K. Barry will work with J. Leamon...can have in kind contributions...application is due February 25, 2022.</p>
<p><u>9. Closing</u></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Richard, Nancy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.</p>
<p><u>Next meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:30 p.m.</u></p>	

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Leamon, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission