

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Stanley School, 10 Whitman Road, Swampscott, MA

Thursday, March 17, 2022

3: 00 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Kathleen Huntley, Stanley School Principal Max Kasper, Director of Facilities
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
<u>2. TOUR OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF STANLEY SCHOOL</u>	<p>Members of the Historical Commission toured the interior and exterior with the objective of preserving historic artifacts, where possible. Items were identified and photographs taken by R. Smith and J. Leamon as follows:</p> <p>Exterior Elements under consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cupola (octagonal wooden structure topped by copper roof and partially broken wind vane). Currently contains roof ventilation equipment.</li><li>2. 2-3 copper entrance canopies, including the original school entrance, supported by wrought iron brackets.</li><li>3. Brass/bronze lettering on building: “Stanley School” over original entrance.</li><li>4. Cast iron coal chute door (partially buried by asphalt surface).</li><li>5. Not under consideration: clock on side of “newer” building. Missing one hand, all numerals and difficult to remove as it is part of the exterior wall and is not an attachment.</li></ol>

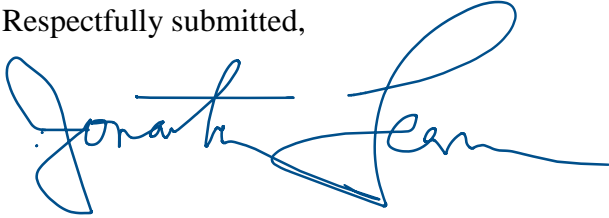
Interior Elements under consideration:

1. Bi-fold closet doors in both old and new buildings. Older building woodwork finished in dark stain while “new” building addition features blonde wood finish. Original brass knobs and hardware.
2. PeerVent Heating and Ventilation unit, manufactured in Bridgeport, CT and patented between 1919 and 1925 (consider saving nameplate only)
3. Numerous closet poles with attached coat hooks (attached to bottom) and hat hooks (attached to top) of pole. Additional hat shelf above in each cloak closet. Older classrooms have walk through “cloak rooms” running the width of the room, in the rear, while newer classrooms have cloak closets.
4. Two pendant “school light” fixtures on chains. Milk glass with gold/beige decorating and brass tassel finials (in auditorium).
5. Huge oak moulding/frames at various openings between spaces; consider for reuse.
6. Interior bronze plaque recognizing Louise C. Stanley, long time teacher and principal, erected in 1929.
7. Public Telephone booth in excellent condition, light-finished oak with original seat. No phone; built-in to wall of newer building.
8. Single auditorium theatre-style seat in metal and bent (plywood)?
9. A number of original clocks, no longer functioning, with Roman numerals, likely all wired together for time adjustments. Manufactured by “The Standard Electric Time Co., Springfield, MA.”
10. Small section of original black slate chalk board, framed in oak, with original surface. (Many of the chalk boards have been painted with a textured surface of some type. The

	<p>newer addition has green chalk boards, used widely in the 1960's.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Green chalk board attached to bi-fold door in newer section, blonde oak wood finish.</li> <li>12. Oil Painting of Stanley School, signed by Nancy Se????</li> <li>13. Pen and ink drawing of Stanley School by Carole Moran.</li> <li>14. 1 circular window with wood muntins, visible from outside in full and partially obscured inside by drop ceiling.</li> <li>15. Brass? Copper? door handle, weathered green with plate and skeleton key hole.</li> <li>16. Built-in cabinetry in each classroom consisting of shelving behind glass doors with drawers beneath. Fine workmanship; dove-tail drawers in older section. Oak. (repurpose for display purposes in new school or incorporate elsewhere?)</li> <li>17. Numerous heavy doors, some with original chicken-wire glass, clear and frosted. (repurpose?)</li> <li>18. Black and White checkered floor in boys' bathroom. Probably impossible to remove intact but an interesting optical illusion.</li> <li>19. Glass brick in newer addition gymnasium/cafeteria.</li> <li>20. Framed photograph of Miss Louise C. Stanley, 1887-1931.</li> <li>21. Double water fountain, known as a "bubler" in Massachusetts.</li> <li>22. Various doors in storage. Two are leather-wrapped with brass studs, newer door handles and locks in brass.</li> <li>23. Wrought iron decorative heating grate (white)</li> </ol>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.</p>

<u>Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u>	
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Leamon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jonathan Leamon, Secretary  
Swampscott Historical Commission