

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Jean Reardon, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Nancy Schultz
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	N/A
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	February 11, 2021 minutes—D. Anderson moved to accept, R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. <u>INITIAL DETERMINATION:</u> <u>52 NICHOLS STREET</u>	Property owned by Aggregate Industries. Request for demolition. A satellite view places this home near the quarry. It is not on the MACRIS database. Following brief discussion, R. Smith moved that this property has neither architectural nor historical significance. D. Anderson seconded. VOTED: 52 Nichols St. has neither architectural nor historical significance. Vote was unanimously approved.
4. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	J. Reardon reports a balance of \$3,708.00. There are no outstanding bills. A \$2,000 grant that the town received will be applied toward the remaining Vacker bill. The Historical Commission will be responsible for the balance, if any. We have paid for signage in advance (panels and posts) from last

	<p>year's budget. Our fiscal year ends June 30.</p>
<p><u>5. HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE – UPDATED WEB PAGES</u></p>	<p>J. Oliver and J. Leamon met last week at 86 Burrill Street to review additional photographs for sign boards and web pages. J. Leamon returned to secure additional photos from the archives.</p> <p>J. Oliver reviewed sample sign panels and the HC discussed design elements in detail, resulting in the following recommendations to be discussed with the Vacker designer:</p> <p>Colors similar to Hanover, MA sample – buff background with gray/blue and b/w photos or color photos (as available).</p> <p>Preference of group is parchment-like look for background.</p> <p>R. Smith left the meeting for the Historic District Commission meeting at 7:40 pm, rescheduled due to Town Meeting this past Monday.</p> <p>Summary: Font-R. Smith had recommended Palatino Ledger. Header in a blue gray. Parchment for overall background. 4-6 images per board. 250 words. Captions under photos. Color block main text. Can make the Olmsted map look like “Lynn Shore Drive” example background which is in half-tone. Orientation of signs is landscape and they are frameless. J. Oliver will speak with Gino Cresta regarding placement of signs, being mindful of sun and elements exposure. Banners at top. B. Graham recommended varying font and background treatment based on historic period, i.e. color scheme uniform with varying font.</p> <p>For web pages: K. Barry recommends choosing about 4 of the best photos per landmark, depending upon the size of the anchor photo. J. Oliver recommends additional information on Andrews</p>

	<p>Chapel, i.e. who was Isaac Andrews? Why was he important? For Fish House, include more about the fishing industry. Revisions to be made.</p>
<p><u>6. HADLEY REUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE</u></p>	<p>An online survey will be coming out to the public soon, to be posted in multiple places for ideas surrounding Hadley reuse. There are sub-committees. J. Oliver is on the Civic subgroup.</p>
<p><u>7. REMOTE PUBLIC OUTREACH: 2022 HISTORY EVENT</u></p>	<p>No updates. R. Judkins left the meeting 8:27 pm.</p>
<p><u>8. NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION (NHPRC) GRANT</u></p>	<p>K. Barry is working on this Archive Collaboration grant. We will apply for up to \$100,000 towards the implementation phase. The application requires us to identify program steps. We are seeking a report from Donia (Archive Expert) by early May so that we can write up our report based on her recommendations. If K. Barry can have Donia's report by next week, mid-March, she will have 4/1 draft ready. April 1 draft application is optional, but a good idea to complete if we want feedback. K. Barry has discussed with Molly. A May draft is needed for the final application, which is due early June. This is a collaborative grant between The Historical Commission, The Historical Society and the Swampscott Public Library. The application is online. N. Schultz will become involved as needed once Donia's report is produced.</p>
<p><u>9. OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a. Preservation Awards</p> <p>b. Inventory & National Register listing</p> <p>c. Historic Buildings</p>	<p>R. Smith to reach out to 59 Winshaw Rd. recipient regarding acceptance of award. Applications are being accepted for this year's award's.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>

<p>d. 86 Burrill</p>	<p>File cabinets are available for flat files in basement of Town Hall. Burrill St. and basement fairly dry...good location for archives. Town Hall basement leaks: not good for storage.</p> <p>Alice Deveau and J. Oliver are meeting with RFP committee for 15 minute presentation of proposal followed by Q&A on Tuesday, March 9. R. Smith will present architectural analysis, as he did with the Swampscott Public Library.</p> <p>J. Oliver is working on questionnaires for Donia.</p>
<p><u>10. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u></p>	<p>J. Reardon asked whether Fish House was being remodeled. It is not.</p>
<p><u>Closing:</u></p>	<p>B. Graham moved to adjourn, J. Reardon seconded. Unanimous. 8:51 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.</u></p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Leamon