

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Ryan Judkins, Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	N/A
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
<u>2. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CUSTOM RAIL-MOUNTED BRACKET FOR FISH HOUSE INTERPRETIVE SIGN FROM VACKER: \$542 INCLUDING SHIPPING</u>	J. Oliver moved to approve \$542 from General Fund to pay for sign. Seconded and approved.
<u>3. UPDATE ON ESSEX HERITAGE GRANT – K. BARRY</u>	K. Barry received official notice today that her grant application for the \$2,000 maximum to Essex Heritage has been awarded in full. The grant, effective July 1, 2022 will be for a series of exhibits that the Historical Commission will continue to display in Swampscott Town Hall. We must track volunteer hours and items purchased to support the exhibits beginning July 1, as the grant is for in-kind funds based on our contributions and volunteer hours. The hourly rate for purposes of tracking in-kind donations is \$30. Ms. Barry has calculated hours in excess of this requirement, based on actual time spent on the current exhibit setup and maintenance.

3. DISCUSSION OF 35 PITMAN ROAD-HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (“HH”) PRESENTATION DEBRIEF, LAND ACQUISITION BY TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT AND HH, DEBRIEF ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST, MASS HISTORICAL GRANT, ITEMS WE WANT SAVED, PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS TO MOVE HOUSE, PRESERVATION COSTS THAT HH WILL NOT PAY FOR

The Affordable Housing Trust meeting is not on the calendar yet. If it is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, we will need to postpone our next HC meeting for a week so that we can attend this important meeting.

HH indicated that if they can get funding from the Affordable Housing Trust that will help with this initiative.

R. Smith reached out to the MA Historical Commission. In order to qualify for preservation funding, MACRIS Form B must be completed. J. Oliver has a beautiful photograph of the back side of house. **We will need to provide history and an architectural description. J. Oliver has a blank Form B and she will start the draft. She will input the description and circulate for editing.** Molly scanned the back of the photo. 1912-Date of photo/home.

We are locating grants for non-profits...J. Oliver looked at the Essex Heritage Grant. K. Barry indicates that Essex Heritage will not give us a grant two years in a row. However HH can apply for this grant as a non-profit. 1772 Foundation has up to \$10,000 in matching grants for exterior painting, surface restoration, porches, roofs, windows, chimney, masonry and repointing. The Preservation Projects Fund may be available for relocation. Grants are available to non-profits. Affordable Housing Trust Funds can be put toward any aspects of this initiative.

K. Barry left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

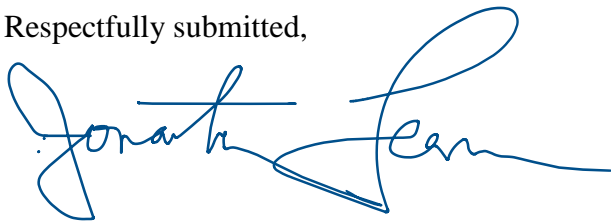
D. Anderson: Does HH have a format for developing a project such as this? This will provide guidance on how to obtain money. We can start with research based on the Beverly house. Arlington has an historic home that was moved a number of years ago. Local Historic Commission can give us some insight. Some buildings in our area have been moved over the years.

Marzie has already obtained moving costs. We also need funding for Historic Preservation.

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund was set up at the time of Greenwood Avenue construction at

	<p>the former school site. J. Oliver spoke with Dave Grishman - \$200,000 may be available now; more possibly coming. Dave has been talking about what sort of projects this can be spent on, in an effort to try to take cost of move down. \$100,000 to move house includes foundation. Approximate cost of property is \$200,000...property is well undersized so there are contingencies to build. Friendly 40(b) applies without zoning constraints. We need about \$300,000 to get the house moved and buy the land...need money from the Affordable Housing Trust.</p> <p>Kim Martin Epstein is chair of the Affordable Housing Trust. Dave Grishman is liaison on the Select Board. May is Preservation Month. Nothing planned in terms of town events. Potential fundraiser: unveil interpretive signs...add Pitman to exhibition. Raise awareness about Pitman...use to generate interest into saving this house. Spin into a narrative that relates to the house.</p> <p>J. Oliver will circulate her document on items for which we requested preservation on Google Docs. In addition, she will circulate a draft of the MACRIS Form B for 35 Pitman Rd in Google Docs so that all can comment and add material.</p>
	<p>Motion to adjourn by J. Oliver and B. Graham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.</p>
<p><u>Next meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.</u></p>	

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Leamon, Secretary
Swampscott Historical Commission