

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, July 7, 2022  
6:30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Oksana Kotkina, Reporter, Lynn Daily Item.
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2022</u>	N. Schultz moved to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes as amended; B. Graham seconded.
<u>3. TREASURER'S REPORT – R. JUDKINS</u>	<p>New budget for this fiscal year: \$4,000.</p> <p>\$196.01 remains in the general budget from FY22. There are no known outstanding bills.</p> <p>The balance in the revolving fund is \$3,047.24 before any profit from Historical Commission sales. Money from T-shirts and raffle will add to revolving fund.</p> <p>T-shirt sales-batches. 1<sup>st</sup> batch – 40 extra ordered. 2<sup>nd</sup> batch ordered. Profit: \$10, coin raffle (after paying for coins), over \$700 profit for T-shirts; number of raffle tickets sold: 57 - \$114. Swampscott resident Mitch Phillips was the winner.</p> <p>Vacuum cleaner purchase for archives and printer ink purchase was approved by Finance; other items were deferred due to budget freeze apparently enacted at the end of the FY.</p>



	<p><b>K. Barry suggests we have a fundraising goal. Put this on the agenda for next meeting.</b> She is willing to help on the back end. J. Oliver is coordinating. D. Grishman suggests the Yacht Club handle the drinks and food because they charge less than outside vendors and will result in a better fundraiser. <b>J. Oliver will survey HC members for availability...weekend that is available, choose a date and maybe piggyback off of another August event.</b></p>
<p><u>5. HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE</u></p> <p>a. <u>Update on installation of Fish House Sign – J. Oliver, J. Leamon</u></p> <p>b. <u>Update on Lilac Garden Sign in memory of Lou Gallo – K. Barry, J. Oliver</u></p> <p>c. <u>Update on White Court Sign – J. Leamon</u></p>	<p>Bracket came in. <b>Gino Cresta, his team and J. Leamon will meet on Monday, July 11 to view installation area and install.</b></p> <p>K. Barry did a rewrite with Vacker; still working on sign.</p> <p>Consider combining Blythswood and White Court onto one sign. Sign will be on path on Blythswood side. Another sign outside the property will direct the public to the easement. Metal way-finders (silver discs) will be installed in the sidewalk. MACRIS has info on both properties for sign information.</p>
<p><u>6. PUBLIC OUTREACH</u></p> <p>a. <u>History Days debriefing - June 25-26, 2022 – R. Judkins</u></p>	<p>HarborFest (Saturday), Strawberry Festival and Farmer’s Market (Sunday).</p> <p>Native Land Use Acknowledgement made at beginning of HarborFest. Approximately 200 attended on Saturday.</p> <p>300-400 attended Sunday morning during the 3 hours of the Farmer’s Market. The Strawberry Festival in the afternoon was also very well attended. People liked the T-shirts. Glassmaker, potter, bootmaker, blacksmith. Blacksmith was most popular. Updated Historical Exhibit on display in Town Hall. Self-guided walking tour. People were taking brochures, early town photos</p>

and maps. 1851/1852/1853 coin raffle. 57 tickets sold. Historical Society opened Humphrey House. Conservancy sold plants. Guided tour of Olmstead District – 12 people.

All went very well!

Communication is a challenge, but we did put on a successful event at the end of the day. Kudos to R. Judkins.

Grant report due July 31. N. Schultz will work with R. Judkins to provide attendance data and other information to complete the grant.

Another fundraiser-potential Swampscott Atlases. **Reach Arts walk is July 10. K. Barry says we can join and sell T-shirts if we want to. Pat Forman is one of the organizers.**

b. Museum Exhibition – 170th – J. Leamon, N. Schultz

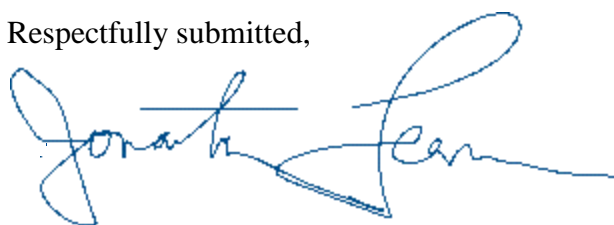
Entire exhibit converted to 170<sup>th</sup> immediately following school tours of the Elihu Thomson exhibit. This exhibit was open to the public during History Days, and will remain open during Town Hall business hours until September. The next planned exhibit (late Sept) is a hotel/accommodations/tourism/guest house and the people associated with this industry. We have many donations from Tarn Stephanos, a former Monument Ave., Swampscott resident. Following the hotel exhibit (January 2023), we are planning on a fishing/fisherman exhibit proposed by K. Barry. **J. Leamon is reaching out to locate a person to repair the ship model Minnehaha, last repaired in 1965 by a model builder from Marblehead.** We have the documentation as well as the old sails. The sails need replacement (silk) and the rigging needs work as well. **J. Oliver will also place a Facebook request, and K. Barry will check another source.**

50 people came through the Town Hall exhibit on Sunday. K. Barry's favorite part was the video-suggests using grant money for another video. Summer music events: open up Town Hall-2 in July-on Town Hall lawn. On Facebook page...can we open the exhibit?

<p><u>7. HISTORICAL COMMISSION ELECTION OF CHAIR AND OTHER OFFICERS</u></p>	<p>Select Board met on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Appointments were tabled pending further review. We have one person who has been interested for a couple of years in filling the open position.</p> <p>Hadley reuse committee is being brought back. J. Oliver put her name in to continue on that committee, so she will be meeting 2-3x/month-will volunteer there. J. Oliver will pass the torch off as chair. Recommends N. Schultz take over as chair. K. Barry recommends we only vote on chair and delay other elections. J. Oliver, J. Leamon, R. Judkins and B. Graham are up for reappointment. D. Anderson's former seat will be a two year term, since he served one year of his latest term. All others are 3 year terms. K. Barry is moving to replace only the chair. We need an interim vice-chair. J. Oliver could serve as vice-chair. R. Smith seconded. B. Graham feels we should vote on all of the positions. However, 3 of the 4 officers are up for reappointment. Brief discussion ensued. N. Schultz moved that she act as an interim chair-swap with J. Oliver for now and then have elections for full slate of officers once Select Board appointments are completed. K. Barry seconded. <b>Voted unanimously in favor of the motion.</b></p>
<p><u>8. OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a. <u>Pending ZBA/building permit applications of interest to the HC</u></p> <p>b. <u>Update on 86 Burrill – archives and spare room on second floor – J. Leamon</u></p>	<p>Nothing pending...J. Oliver will touch base with the new building inspector.</p> <p>Any thoughts on mud-covered laminated material? Keep-must be cleaned? Discard? <b>Offer to department it came from-bring to Community development.</b></p> <p>Sylvia Belkin generously donated a lateral file cabinet to us. Picked up and delivered by R. Smith, J. Leamon and J. Oliver.</p> <p>J. Leamon refiled all of the Thomson exhibit material and updated the inventory prepared by Jane Ward.</p>

<p><u>c. Preservation Awards Update – J. Oliver</u></p> <p><u>d. Plaque Program update – J. Oliver, N. Schultz</u></p>	<p>Stanley School archives are now in storage; need to be added to our inventory and properly stored.</p> <p>K. Barry will work with J. Leamon on grant and ordering archive materials.</p> <p>Awards came in. We haven't done a preservation award because of COVID. Date of meeting...set up for next week-July 13.</p> <p>There are 7 plaques left to order. N. Schultz and J. Oliver will wait until the plaques are completed before opening the program again. Start the program again in September. N. Schultz has delivered all of the signs. People are putting them up as soon as they get them. Adds a lot to our town. So sign program is back up and running. Many thanks to Nancy for getting this up and running again!</p>
	<p>Motion to adjourn by N. Schultz; seconded by J. Leamon. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.</p>
<p><u>Next meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.</u></p>	<p>HC agreed by consensus to continue to meet on Zoom until current rules expire.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Leamon, Secretary  
Swampscott Historical Commission