

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 3, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Jean Reardon, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Suzy Davis, Larry Bithell, Kenneth Shutzer, Deb Newman, Marzie Galazka, Michael Tucker
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:35 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	June 3 minutes—R. Smith moved to approve with corrections, D. Anderson seconded. Unanimously approved.
<u>3. TREASURER’S REPORT</u>	Waiting for treasurer to confirm amount left in fund. The cabinets were included in the grant application submitted by K. Barry, as opposed to our budget. N. Schultz and J. Leamon are working on the Thomson exhibition. D. Anderson asked about the purchases, so discussion ensued about the plans for the exhibition. Supplies for the exhibition have been purchased. J. Oliver reported some of the MA Library grant might still be available to purchase some archival products. Some more supplies have arrived.
<u>4.COMMITTEE STAFFING AND OFFICERS</u>	Deferred to next meeting since committee appointments have not been made.
<u>5. NARA GRANT APPLICATION REPORT— K.Barry</u>	J. Oliver moved thus discussion item up to continue discussion of the Treasurer’s report, since it’s connected to the

	<p>treasurer’s report. Total funding approx. \$48,000—with \$12,000 in kind. \$36,000 in funding. NARA will ask questions in the next few weeks, with approval in Sept/October.</p>
<p><u>6. 53 PURITAN ROAD</u></p>	<p>J. Oliver took up this topic after the minutes were approved as a courtesy to the guests. J. Oliver reviewed the minutes from 2019 to refresh on the Commission’s ruling from 2/19. Through community development, we learned that changes were made that had not been approved by ZBA or planning board. The conditions of reporting back to the Commission were not met. We had determined that the building was historically significant but approved minor changes to the garage. J. Leamon gave a report on the meeting at the zoning board. Member asked where the zoning board is on the topic, and the answer is that they are seeking advice from us. J. Oliver reviewed the definition of demolition in the bylaw. If the work is done without proper permit, there are penalties. M. Tucker, Mr. Snierson’s attorney, spoke to the letter written by Angela Ippolito. They claim the plans were approved by Max Kasper. Plans appear to be missing. Work has been stopped for almost two years. Request before the zoning board is now pending. No signature of Max Kasper. The signature is of the engineer who designed the proposal. Member suggested that the SHC can offer an opinion on the state of the building. J. Oliver expressed surprise that the Office of Community Development hadn’t scanned the docs, and the petitioners claim that the petitioners were not aware that the zoning board needed further consultation. The plans were drawn up in October 2019. Later alterations were not overseen by the meeting, partially due to Covid. K. Shutzer objected to the idea that the plans were approved since there was no signature. Some of the applications do not match the work that</p>

	<p>was undertaken. K. Shutzer contends that the intent was to go ahead regardless. No copies of proposed approved plans have been located. As a condition of earlier approval, the SHC clearly asked the owner to come back if any additional changes are planned. The ZBA asked for additional information. There was not enough information for a dimensional variance. The approved plan by the SHC is the plan of record. November 2019 application for an exemption was filed. Property has a history of owners doing work without permit; current owner does not want to be blamed for past owners. No evidence that later plans were shown to Max Kasper. The committee agrees that demolition was done in violation of the original approval. In view of that, the recommended enforcement action is to restore the roofline, the historic window on far right, and portico to the original condition of this historically significant building, a motion by J. Leamon. Amended motion by R. Smith. Discussion of the motion ensued. The building permit does not relate to the current project, but the previous project. R. Smith calls the question, K. Barry seconds. Unanimously called. The motion carries unanimously. J. Oliver will issue a letter to the Town, the ZBA will review, and we will follow up. N. Schultz will send wording to J. Oliver.</p>
<p><u>7. 2025 SWAMPSCOTT MASTER PLAN & SHC'S VISION AND GOALS</u></p>	<p>Deferred to next meeting until committee appointments are made.</p>
<p><u>8. HISTORIC INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</u></p>	<p>J. Leamon reported on updating signs using additional photos found in the archives. Vacker has not sent new draft. When the next draft arrives, the committee can review. J. Leamon will contact Molly Conner from Swampscott Historical Society to see if they have better photos. We can include photo of Swampscott dory. J. Leamon suggests we test QR codes before we go to print. K. Barry says to use cell phone.</p>

<p><u>9. Hadley Reuse Committee Update</u></p>	<p>Public open house presentation, and a questionnaire has been distributed for public input. J. Oliver will circulate link.</p>
<p><u>10. Public Outreach</u></p>	<p>a. History Day: R. Judkins. He spoke to Rotary Club meeting at end of June. A. Deveau is retiring in the fall. Will be in the newsletter. R. Judkins asks for help in getting the word out. Responses can be reported out in October meeting. Ask for master listing for the town from rec committee. R. Judkins can reach out to the SYC and Harbor/Waterfront committees, REACH ARTS etc. Member suggested horse and buggy. Invite Lynn/Saugus/Pioneer Village.</p> <p>b. Museum space in town/exhibition: J. Leamon (discussed above). E. Runtstadler working on the video as part of the exhibition.</p> <p>c. 86 Burrill updates J. Leamon archivist working at 86 Burrill TWTh</p> <p>J. Oliver reported briefly on the plaque program. J. Reardon raised the question of how to memorialize Louis Gallo.</p>
<p><u>Closing:</u></p>	<p>J. Reardon moved to adjourn, J. Oliver seconded.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:30 p.m.</u></p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schultz