

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Cynthia Tennant and “Swampscott Citizen.”
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:34 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	August minutes—D. Anderson moved to approve with corrections, R. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved as amended.
<u>3. TREASURER’S REPORT</u>	deferred
<u>4.PRESERVATION BYLAW</u> <u>INITIAL DETERMINATION</u> a. <u>129 Essex Street</u>	J. Oliver reviewed the criteria for an initial determination of significant building or structure. 129 Essex is a home built in 1925—an American foursquare typical of the period. The house was built by O. G. Poor Lumber. If we say it’s historically significant, it starts the clock for a process. 129 Essex Street: does it meet the criteria for the historical significance? K. Barry moved that we vote on historical significance of 129 Essex. D. Anderson seconded.

<p><u>b. 35 Pitman Road</u></p>	<p>Does it meet criteria for part ii— and also significance as being built by the Poor Company? Many examples of this type of structure in the Olmsted District. Roll call in favor (7-1). House is historically significant. There should be conditions imposed instead of the public hearing. In lieu of public hearing, conditions include a tour of the commission (site visit), photographic documentation of the building, and salvage of anything historically significant, and the installation of interpretative signage re: O. G. Poor Lumber Yard within 3 weeks. Amended motion to approve the conditions with response from the applicant by September 30 made by K. Barry, seconded by J. Leamon. Motion approved 7-1.</p> <p>J. Oliver reviewed the plans for 35 Pitman. This house dates to c. 1800. Samuel C. Pitman was a founding select board member of Swampscott when it separated from Lynn in 1852. He was a state rep and town moderator. Purchased property in 1847. Cynthia Tennant spoke about the history of the Pitman family. Build date of 1784 or earlier. Only 58 extant houses built in Swampscott before 1852. Early town atlases date back to 1852 with Samuel C. Pitman (farmer), a key citizen in the incorporation of Swampscott. C. Tennant provided some additional historical anecdotes. Original house has been covered in siding, although some of the original shape remains. The historical record would likely be in Lynn. Pitman was deputy</p>
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	<p>inspector of customs. R. Judkins move that the house is historically significant. B. Graham seconds. Vote carries (7-1). R. Judkins made a motion, seconded by J. Leamon, that Committee of designees will want to do a site visit within 7 days, (9/16), if allowed by the owner to assess timber framing, original woodwork, fireplaces and plaster. The commission will meet again at 6:30 p.m. September 23 to discuss next steps in a special meeting. Voted (7-1).</p>
<p><u>5. COMMITTEE STAFFING AND OFFICERS</u></p>	<p>deferred</p>
<p><u>6.HISTORIC INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</u></p>	<p>Going to print soon, but we need to get a delivery date. We will miss the Essex Heritage Trails and Sails deadline. J. Leamon sent compass point placements for comment. J. Oliver will distribute brochures with self-guided tour of Olmsted district. Humphrey House is open for tours.</p>
<p><u>7. 53 Puritan Road (letter attached to agenda)</u></p>	<p>Will be sent with approved minutes</p>
<p><u>8. 2025 SWAMPSCOTT MASTER PLAN & SHC'S VISION AND GOALS</u></p>	<p>Committee can review on town website and plan for future actions.</p>
<p><u>9. Public Outreach</u> <u>a. History days, 2022 (R. Judkins)</u> <u>b. Museum space in town/exhibitions (j. Leamon)</u></p>	<p>Reached out to 26 organizations and has heard back from about half. Historical shoemaking demonstration is planned. Historical hand tub engine is another possibility for the day.</p> <p>Exhibition planned for November. J. Leamon reaching out to MIT and D. Anderson is contacting GE.</p>

<u>10. Old Business</u> <u>a. 86 Burrill</u> <u>b. Preservation awards</u> <u>c. Plaque Program</u> <u>d. Historic Properties Inventory, Historic District, National Register</u>	J. Oliver said plaque program is going a little more slowly than anticipated. K. Barry wants to get a plaque for Andrews Chapel. Other topics deferred
<u>Closing:</u>	R. Smith moved to adjourn, R. Judkins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.
<u>Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:30 p.m.</u>	Jon Leamon will take minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schultz