

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Jean Reardon, Nancy Schultz
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Marzie Galazka
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:40 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order.
<u>2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	September 9 minutes— R. Judkins moved to approve with corrections, B. Graham seconded. Unanimously approved as amended. September 23 minutes— R. Judkins moved to approve minutes as drafted. B. Graham seconded. Unanimously approved.
<u>3. TREASURER’S REPORT</u>	deferred
<u>4. HISTORIC INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</u>	Vacker has indicated that the signs will be produced within the next 4 weeks. J. Oliver will contact Gino Cresta regarding installation prior to the ground freezing. J. Leamon provided the HC with photographs and compass points for location options for 4 signs on September 6. Based on J. Oliver’s suggestions on the Thomson House Board location, 2 additional photos were provided on October 6. R. Smith will be seeking input from the Historic District Commission at its next scheduled

	<p>meeting in early November, as this must be listed on their agenda.</p> <p>Discussion regarding recommended placement (northern exposure as much as possible to avoid rapid deterioration from sun):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Thomson House – to left of building on path near stone wall entrance -Olmsted District – In Linscott Park, on path to gazebo, in shade, facing First Church -Fish House – In grass park, facing the ocean with concrete or paver pad in front, or by the stairs near crosswalk, or by crosswalk near building (all northern exposures) -Andrews Chapel – on path adjacent to small grass area to left of entrance. <p>Photos and compass points are available for each of these locations; Google Maps might also be helpful.</p>
<p><u>5. PUBLIC OUTREACH</u> <u>a. History days, 2022 (R. Judkins)</u></p>	<p>R. Judkins reached out to 26 different organizations. Quite a few people interested. Fire department has a hand-tub, hand pump. Restored in 60's. Person who runs is not in good health. May need to train people to run it. R. Judkins also spoke with the Rotary Club and they are interested. Will include indigenous people in history. Tréa Lavery from the Lynn Item will grant a phone interview. Danielle Strauss is managing this event. Responses from 3 potential demonstrators: Victorian dancers in Nahant; shoemaker who makes custom shoes and boots; tentatively booked her-educational talk; fee is \$300. Prospect Hill Forgers in Waltham: mobile forge/blacksmithing demo. Will apply for grants for this. Minimal promotional materials, a banner or 2...J. Oliver suggested a schedule for the weekend, and also having flyers available during the museum open house. R. Judkins will keep in contact with demonstrators and Danielle and will put a</p>

<p><u>b. Museum space in town/exhibitions (J. Leamon)</u></p>	<p>schedule together in the early spring. R. Judkins will also have Allie and Danielle put into newsletter to get volunteers and donations.</p> <p>J. Oliver, N. Schultz and Alyce had a quick zoom with Ethan R. 12 minutes narrowed down. In editing mode.</p> <p>J. Leamon is meeting with Ethan next week after providing suggested clips from 3 movie videos. Suggest doing a short version for the museum exhibit and a longer version for a more in-depth, separate screening. The Recreation Department has an outdoor screen.</p>
<p><u>6. Old Business</u> <u>a. 53 Puritan Road</u></p> <p><u>b. 86 Burrill</u></p>	<p>a. Historical Society can provide pictures of the home. R. Smith did some work for the previous owners. Most of the photos are at the back/boat shed building. J. Leamon reviewed documents filed following J. Oliver's Determination Letter of 8/4/21. Will plan to attend ZBA meeting later this month; date not yet available.</p> <p>b. Our Archivist, Jane Ward finished up today. K. Barry is working with the NARA Archive in order to increase our chances of a grant. We must respond to mandatory questions, which K. Barry will work on. Initial feedback from NARA indicated that Donia's plan was not achievable based on the way it is outlined, as it relies too heavily on free training and volunteers. We need to budget for better training and fewer volunteers, in order to improve our chances of receiving the grant. The deadline to respond is October 19. We have additional budget for Jane Ward as a resource for further information. We need an estimate of the total number of archives from all parties: Historical Commission, Historical Society and Library.</p>

<p><u>c. Preservation Awards</u></p> <p><u>d. Plaque Program</u></p> <p><u>e. Historic Properties Inventory, Historic District, National Register</u></p>	<p>2 filing cabinets moved in by Flannery's...400 lbs, fireproof. Will use for vertical storage of photographs and other items.</p> <p>c. Process has been slow due to busy schedule of our preservation historian, Jackie Blombach. JDB Preservation Services.</p> <p>d. See above; waiting for research to come in.</p> <p>e. We have the possibility of moving 35 Pitman Road home to a vacant lot on Hillside Avenue; home to be donated by Bruce Paradise. It may be more cost effective to move the house and build the foundation up to the house. We would like to reuse granite blocks for visible portion of foundation. Mass Historical Commission funds acquisitions of this nature. We will be discussing further. A Public Hearing for this property is being scheduled for October 18, 2021.</p>
<p><u>Closing:</u></p>	<p>R. Smith moved to adjourn, R. Judkins seconded.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Next meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.</u></p>	<p>Public Hearing on 35 Pitman Road.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Leamon