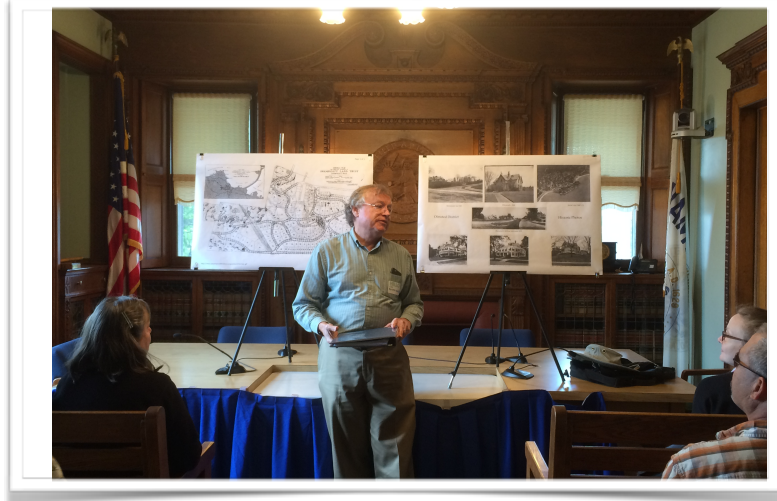


Preservation News

Today's Historical Swampscott

Our Historic Districts

Do you know the historically significant areas around Swampscott? The Commission has over the years, contributed to establishing as key historic districts, areas that represent historical significance in the town. District designation identifies and recognizes this history and the character they contribute. Swampscott has four historic districts currently: the Olmsted Subdivision Historic District that encompasses Monument Avenue and extended neighborhoods included in Frederick Law Olmsted's original parcel design; the Fish House Historic District, that recognizes the oldest fish house in the country; the Andrews Chapel Historic District, inclusive of the historic Chapel in the cemetery; and the Swampscott Railroad Depot, one of the few remaining stations of Stick-Eastlake design in the country.



Trails & Sails - September 29

If you've never participated in the Olmsted Historic District Walking Tour, now in its 4th year offered by the Historical Commission, you must add it to your agenda! It's part of the annual Trails & Sails events held in September by communities in the Essex National Heritage Area. SHC's Richard Smith offers a walking tour of much of the Olmsted District around Monument Avenue, and provides an informative narrative about the architectural styles and history of many homes in the district. You'll discover new details about this area's character and charm. The tour begins in the town hall where Richard presents the original area design by Frederick Law Olmsted. Don't miss it! September 29, tours at 11am and 1:30pm. See us on Facebook.





Preservation of Swampscott's History & Character

The mission of the Historical Commission is to preserve the integrity and uniqueness of Swampscott's historical character, balancing its role as caretaker within the changing face of today's Swampscott.

We have an engaged volunteer commission, both long term and new members, who bring a variety of skills and perspectives to the same dedicated goal of maintaining and preserving the history and character of our town.

Justina Oliver is the current Chair.

A full list of members and openings are on the Commission page of the town website.

If you would like to support the Commission's programs and events, please send your gift check donation to the town hall, designated as a gift for the Historical Commission. A sample donation letter is on our page of the town website.

- ♦ Kim Barry, Newsletter Editor
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Preservation Awards

The Historical Commission's annual Preservation Awards ceremony was held in June to award plaques to residents whose preservation submissions were voted on and awarded by the Commission members. Below, Justina Oliver, Commission Chair shows one of the plaques to be awarded. The Historical Commission posts its call for nominations every Fall on the town website and its Facebook page. Criteria are listed each year and people can nominate a neighbor or their own property under one of the categories. Follow us on Facebook to stay informed.

<https://www.facebook.com/swampscotthistoricalcommission/?ref=bookmarks>



National Register Listings

The Historical Commission has an ongoing plan to assess and propose candidates to Massachusetts Historical Commission for listing consideration to the National Register for Historic Places. The town has several current listings on the Register: the Swampscott Fish House, the Swampscott Railroad Depot, the Swampscott Cemetery, the Olmsted Subdivision Historic District, the Sir John Humphreys House, and the Elihu Thomson Administration Building. The Commission will continue to research and assess new candidates. Tour the Elihu Thomson Building, our historic town hall, during our September 29, Trails & Sails events. Tours will be 10am-2pm. See our Facebook page or the events by town on the Essex National Heritage Trails and Sails website.

<https://trailsandsails.org/events/>