

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 - Maynard Public Library

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:02pm

**Members Present:** Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Peg Brown, Dave Griffin, Ken Neuhauser, Paul Boothroyd

**Guests:** Haley Fritz, Lee Acker

Peg Brown, as alternate, was designated as a voting member for the meeting in place of Lee Caras, who was unable to attend.

Discussions with Haley Fritz, who is pursuing a history-related Girl Scout Gold Award project. She wants to raise awareness of Maynard's history by working with the Commission and Society.

**Approve Minutes** of June 17 by Ellen, second by Peg. Unanimous approval.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Coolidge School**

The building will be closed up for the winter. The School Dept. will provide minimal maintenance for one year at which point they will turn it over to the Selectmen. A reuse committee was suggested, but not formed. The Commission feels that a (ad hoc) Reuse Committee be formed to explore both public and/or private uses that preserve the structure and funding options (e.g., grants) as there is no champion for the building.

#### **Glenwood Cemetery Fence**

MassCor completed the fence between the family tomb and the back fence. The curved fence at the receiving tomb is partially installed, but some rework is required to properly match the base. The fleur-de-lis has been removed from the sign.

Maynard Family Tomb work by DPW/perpetual care: the door is getting stainless steel mounting plates, while the fencing is in the process of being replaced.

The Glenwood Cemetery celebration (noting the fence, sign, other updates) will be in the Spring.

#### **Maynard Now and Then Exhibit**

Lee is seeking help from members on various parts of the exhibit.

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**Demolition Delay Bylaw**

We are hosting a demo delay workshop (with Chris Skelly, Mass Historical) on Nov 6th.

We will begin publicizing the meeting (Jack/Ellen)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Alternate Members**

Peg Brown and Paul Boothroyd are now alternate members. We believe as a Commission we can have 3 more alternates. Should there be additional alternates we stagger their terms similar to the normal members.

**Naming of Public Spaces**

The Board of Selectmen requested that the Historical Commission be the arbiter of naming public spaces. After a discussion among the members, the Commission's position is that it is happy to assist in any historical vetting, but believes it is not within our charter or duties to name public spaces.

**2021 Funding**

Discussed how we can, as a town, begin building a fund for the sesquicentennial. The Commission feels this is a good strategy to start in the next budget cycle.

**FY2016 Budget Request**

We will continue to ask for the \$1000 funding level.

Next Meeting: October 14 (provisional)  
Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:51pm