

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - Maynard Public Library

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:09 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Ken Neuhauser, Paul Boothroyd, Priscilla Sandberg and John Courville.

OLD BUSINESS

Approved Minutes of October 18th. Motion by Priscilla, seconded by Ellen. Approved.
Approved Minutes of November 10th. Motion by Ellen, seconded by Paul. Approved.

Status of approval by Massachusetts Historical Commission of Maynard's MACRIS Survey, Phase Two: CPA funds technically expired in June 2016. Jack reported that Andrew Scribner-MacLean has moved to protect the funds. Question: can the Commission help speed the State review process?

Sesquicentennial planning update: Jack asked the Town (via Andrew) to provide a facilitator for a planning session to help the Town set up a Sesquicentennial Committee. Priscilla will formulate survey questions for the Town to use via Survey Monkey that will help lay the groundwork for the planning session.

ACTION ITEM: Commission members to email Priscilla suggestions for survey, which could also be distributed at January Town Meeting.

Historic Preservation By-law: the Town will give the document as approved by its By-law Committee (11/14/16) to Town Counsel for final review. Commission discussion determined that the List of Historically Significant Buildings, the By-law Appendix, would have to be approved at a December meeting and then be given to the Building Commissioner and made public via the Town website (through Dave Griffin). Planning for Jack's presentation at January Town Meeting (slides, explanation, handout (?)) will also be on a December meeting agenda.

Glenwood Cemetery pond renewal: the plan to discuss next steps was tabled.

Improving linking MHC activities with historic grant cycles: John is creating a spreadsheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Creation of a trust/revolving fund for historic preservation from CPC: Ken will investigate.

FY 2017 Historic Markers and restoration award: Jack reported that \$850 is still available for markers (\$50 spent on membership for Freedom's Way, \$100 for Historic New England).

ACTION ITEM: All. Propose new markers for next regular meeting.

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Proposal to correct Town boundary marker: Jack said that this is a year the Board of Selectmen is required to walk the bounds. There is also a sequence error in the inscriptions of town names (Concord, Sudbury, Acton and Maynard) on one stone bound owned by all.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will make a list of all issues with Town markers (sequence, breakage, position, etc.)--both at Town boundaries and within the Town, and will contact other towns' clerks about shared problems.

Ellen suggested sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen re: the marker problems.

Next Meeting: probably in December [December 1], 2016
Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:54 pm