

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - Maynard Public Library

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Peg Brown (as a voting associate member), John Courville, Ken Neuhauser and Ken Estabrook (as volunteers).

Approved minutes of June 20th meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Bylaw implementation procedures:

An updated draft of the Demolition Delay Procedure (Draft v.2 7/25/17) was distributed for discussion. Procedural refinements had been made following discussions with the Building Commissioner, Rick Asmann. Although Draft v.2 was a document that Rick could hand out to a permit seeker as it was written, additional changes to the draft were suggested and added to the Draft by the group.

MOTION: Jack moved that the Commission approve Draft v.2 of 7/25/17 as further amended (and to be known as Draft v.3); seconded by Paul. Approved. Once the final updates are incorporated in Draft v.3, Jack will forward the document to Rick.

Projects for Fall 2017 grant applications:

Lee will contact Joan Rockwell regarding an estimate for consultant work seeking National Register designation for the Mill or two other historic properties. CPC preliminary application request will be made for \$10,000.

Paul will discuss the Glenwood Cemetery pond project with Aaron Miklosco of the DPW and make a site visit with him. CPC preliminary application request will be made for \$10,000. Jack noted that the Commission will need to guide the project, not manage it. Management will be done by the DPW.

Priscilla will do a draft application for a \$25,000 grant from CPC for a long-term revolving fund for the Commission's preservation projects. Jack will contact her about this, since she could not attend this meeting. He also commented that there might be a near-term need for such funding to purchase a preservation restriction for the UCC church on Main Street, which is for sale.

Deadline for CPC preliminary applications is probably around Sept. 10. [On the town website, setting the schedule for applications is an item on the CPC agenda for the August 16 meeting.].

John reported that there were no other grant application possibilities until late fall.

Five-Year Plan Update:

Ken E. said that in light of the upcoming 150th anniversary of the town, the Commission ought to be considering how to rejuvenate public interest in the history of Maynard, specifically by reviving the Historical Society as an historical outreach organization. He noted that the Commission's current 5-year plan lists many

items that only involve cataloging and preserving. He urged the Commission to define its ultimate vision of success (i.e., a mission statement). This would enable the group to review, revise and prioritize a five-year plan in a more comprehensive way.

Sesquicentennial update:

Jack reported that through our survey, seven people had expressed an interest in serving on a steering committee. Their names have been forwarded to Andrew Scribner-MacLean, Assistant Town Manager. A preliminary meeting of the group may occur in August.

Ellen asked the Commission to develop its own project for the 150th anniversary.

Other:

Melissa Levine-Piro, the Commission's representative on the Board of Selectmen, has asked be placed on the distribution list for the minutes of our monthly meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting: September 19, 2017.

NOTE: MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30 pm at 116/118 Powdermill Road.

At 7 pm, the group will reconvene at the Library.