

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Part 1: Meeting at 116/118 Powdermill Road, Maynard

Part 2: Meeting at Maynard Public Library, Trustees Room

Part 1: Informal meeting with Joel Kahn, a development consultant for the developer of the 116 and 118 Powdermill Road properties. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Project concept and condition of the buildings was reviewed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Peg Brown (as a voting member), and Priscilla Sandberg (present at Powdermill Road only). Rick Lefferts, a representative of Maynard's affordable housing trust, also attended at Jack's invitation.

Part 2: Meeting called to order at the Library at 7:20pm.

Approved minutes of July 25th meeting. Motion by Paul; seconded by Ellen.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Bylaw implementation procedures: A tutorial about how the bylaw works was completed by Ken Neuhauser. It will be an addendum to the building permit application form. Both documents were sent to Rick Asmann for final comments on workability. Jack will forward copies of both to the group.

Projects for fall 2017 CPA grant cycle: Preliminary applications are being drafted by Paul (to restore the Glenwood Cemetery pond and pathway), by Priscilla (for a preservation reserve fund) with assistance from Ellen, and by Lee (for a historical properties survey, part 3).

Coolidge School's future: Ellen asked for action on the matter. The report on the school was completed two years ago. Jack has prodded Andrew Scribner-MacLean, Assistant Town Administrator, about it, since Andrew is tasked with developing an action plan for the Board of Selectmen.

Sesquicentennial celebration planning: Jack reported that the steering committee held its first meeting on September 18. He and Paul attended. So far the BOS has decided only to form the committee, without setting a budget. Approximately ten people met. They will meet again on Oct. 2, when Priscilla will present the results of her survey about people's suggestions for a celebration.

UCC Church: Jack reported on meeting with Will Doyle (the new owner), Jeff Ganier (preservation circuit rider), Bill Nemser, John Dwyer, and Paul Boothroyd. Renovation plans and possible funding sources for that renovation were discussed. Paul also commented that the water bubbler by the sidewalk, a town responsibility, should be made operational.

Freedom's Way Heritage Foundation: Representatives toured downtown Maynard and the Mill with Jack and David Mark. This was a follow up to the town survey form Lee and Ellen submitted to FWHF last spring.

Historic House Plaques: Jack has delivered the Field House plaque. Plaques for 40 Concord Street and 178 Great Road await delivery.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic properties news: Jack reported that the oldest house in Maynard (Summer Street at Summerhill Road) has been sold. Also, the Gruber Brothers building has been bought by a developer who may open a restaurant on the site in about two years. Regarding the historical marker currently hanging in the building front window: display of the marker on site should be made part of the development permitting process.

Creation of a file of all MHC historical markers and house plaques: Peg Brown has volunteered to work on the project.

Review of the eeting at 116/118 Powdermill Road: The group consensus was that both properties should be preserved.

Alternate members for the Commission: Jack asked everyone to think about possible new alternate members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017.