

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Priscilla Sandberg (until 8:10), Peg Brown, John Courville

Approved minutes of September 19th meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Projects for fall 2017 CPA grant cycle:

Priscilla's final application for creating an MHC Reserve Fund and, in particular, the issue of spending funds on private property is questioned by Town Counsel, Lisa Mead. Jack wants to submit the grant application timely anyway while we explore the issues Lisa is raising as well as exploring how seemingly similar funding mechanisms are being utilized by Maynard's ConsCom and by other local historical commissions.

Paul will submit a final application for the restoration of Glenwood Cemetery pond with the support of ConsCom, as discussed.

Lee will submit a final application for MACRIS survey, Phase 3, as discussed.

Historic Preservation Bylaw-notification to property owners:

ACTION ITEM: Peg will draft a letter that references the bylaw passed at Town Meeting and reminds subject property owners of its passage. Priscilla recommended that the letter also suggest that each owner purchase an historic house plaque for their home.

Other grant opportunities: John said that deadlines will need to be confirmed annually.

ACTION ITEM: John will review requirements for grants from Preservation Massachusetts, the Mass. Cultural Council and Historic New England for the November meeting.

Sesquicentennial: Ellen urged the Commission to participate with a specific project. The Maynard Historical Society needs to be revitalized. There may be a role for the Powdermill Road historic houses in this.

UC Church: A preservation restriction is not being sought currently. The owner, Will Doyle, is planning renovations.

#### NEW BUSINESS

New Historical Markers under the FY2018 budget: The 174 Great Road plaque needs to be reviewed and revised. Proposed new markers for 147 Main Street (Lorenzo Maynard house), 165 Main Street (a mill building moved and converted to apartments), 206-208 Great Road (William Smith house), and 14 Nason Street (Peoples' Theater).

Approved budget funding for annual membership renewals in Historic New England and Freedom's Way Heritage Foundation: motion by Jack; second by Paul.

## OTHER

Jack will meet with Pam Newton who received a local Cultural Council grant to develop a multi-media Maynard history project that includes an oral history module.

Agenda item for our November meeting: develop a new one-year and/or five-year plan.

Jack reported that the new owners of the Gruber Brothers Furniture building are soliciting ideas for art displays in the empty storefront.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017.