

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Priscilla Sandberg, Peg Brown, John Courville

Approved minutes of November 21st meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Bylaw notification to property owners was completed. Peg sent letters to owners on 11/27/17.

Historical Markers: Ellen has generously donated \$2,000 to the Commission in the name of the Duggan family, long-time residents of the Town. Initially, five new historical markers will be funded, with a notation on each that it is a gift of the family. A sub-committee of Ellen, Paul and Lee will meet and recommend the specific markers. Priscilla will write a press release regarding Ellen's gift to the Commission. The additional funds will be applied to various projects of the Commission, with a focus on the town's 150th anniversary. A separate account in the town's accounting system has been set up by Andrew Scribner-MacLean to hold Ellen's donation.

Other Historical Marker topics: Peg suggested that we look for a way to template signage. Also, from now on, approval of draft signage will be sought from property owners prior to plaque production. New Historical Markers under the FY2018 budget include: 174 Great Road (plaque needs to be reviewed and revised), 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). Jack will contact those that are locally-owned. Letters should be sent to owners outside of town. Lee volunteered to draft preliminary language for the plaques.

Sesquicentennial: Ellen has attended planning meetings. Festivities will begin with the opening of the centennial time capsule on the April anniversary in 2020. Various projects for MHC were suggested, including a need for action with regards to the Coolidge School and a project to find a permanent home for the Historical Society's collection.

CPC applications/status: Glenwood Cemetery Pond review postponed. Lee attended a CPC meeting to answer questions about the grant application for MACRIS phase 3.

Mass Histcom deadline for grant applications is 3/23. Jack will look at the potential for a matching grant to augment our MACRIS survey work, etc.

Freedom's Way Heritage Foundation Hidden Treasures Program: Paul led a Glenwood tour in the Program two years ago. David Mark has suggested a Rail Trail tour be planned when that project is finished.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2017 Annual Report of the Commission was reviewed and approved. Motion by Jack; seconded by Paul.

Marble Farm considerations: the Town needs to have the site secured for insurance purposes. Peg will investigate fencing costs for the Marble foundation and well. Jack will inform Andrew of our work, with hopes that there would be CPC funding for the project.

Additional alternate members should be sought to fill 3 openings.

OTHER

Ellen suggested that the annual review of Historically Significant Properties listed under the demolition-delay bylaw should begin in March or April. A subcommittee will meet to review.

Peg suggested that we revive the weekly summer walk-about to further familiarize ourselves with town historic properties and neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2018