

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - Maynard Public Library

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Peg Brown, and Priscilla Sandberg. Guest: Brion Berghaus.

Approved Minutes of January 16th meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers: Subcommittee Report (Ellen, Paul and Lee)

Ellen presented a list of the subcommittee's suggested changes to the list of Historically Significant Properties. In addition to considering replacing mill worker tenement housing on Railroad Street with similar properties on River Street, eleven properties were offered as potential additions to the list. Action item: Lee will review which of the eleven are currently listed on MACRIS.

Ellen also led a discussion of markers for this year's funding, offering a list of twelve potential properties. She is also working on a list of properties to be funded by her personal grant for markers. These will be properties associated with her family's Maynard homes in the area of Percival, Sudbury and Park Streets.

The Commission also discussed making a display about markers in the Library's second floor display case.

Sesquicentennial planning:

Discussion brought out several ideas about revitalizing the Maynard Historical Society and finding space for its collections. Ellen has called several local societies to gain insights into their initial financing and current operations. She will expand her inquiries. Action item: Jack will discuss the potential for a joint revitalization effort with Amy Loveless, director of the senior center. He also floated the idea of creating a regional society. He will also urge Dave Griffin, president of the Historical Society, to develop a proposal for permanent museum space in the Mill.

NEW BUSINESS

MACRIS:

Lee presented an updated version of Joan Rockwell's town map showing locations of all properties included in Maynard's MACRIS listings. Peg suggested that the Commission do "walk arounds" in town again this spring and summer to produce a list of properties to be included in the RFP for MACRIS Phase 3 that will be done through a [pending] grant from the Maynard CPC.

Coolidge School:

Jack reminded the Commission that it's been more than two years since the School Committee transferred school ownership to the Town. At the next town meeting, Andrew Scribner-MacLean will initiate the process of declaring the building surplus property. Action item: Jack will draft a statement on behalf of MHC for Town meeting, urging near-term action on this decaying asset.

Marble Farm fencing/insurance status:

According to Andrew, the Town will probably simply add more fencing to what is already in place. Peg has contacted Mass Cor Industries (Norfolk Prison) regarding new fencing.

Renewal of Historic New England and Freedom's Way Heritage Foundation memberships: Jack moved that \$150 be allocated to renew memberships in HNE (\$100) and FWHF (\$50). Seconded by Paul; approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018