

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers: Jack contacted the owners of the People's Theater building and the Lorenzo Maynard house to share draft language for their proposed markers. Priscilla will follow up with letters to the other two owners about the content of their proposed markers. Ellen will draft language for markers for St. Bridget's Cemetery and for four houses in Maynard connected with her family. Signage for these five markers will be funded by her donation to the Commission.

Five new markers for 2018 budget funding were discussed and approved on Paul's motion, seconded by Ellen: #3 High Street, #4 High Street (Paul will research both locations), Maynard's Library, Art Space/Fowler, and the former St. George's Episcopal Church.

Coolidge School: At a recent Board of Selectmen's meeting it was decided that a warrant article relative to the Town's disposal of the property would be drafted by Andrew Scribner-MacLean. This process will pave the way for an RFP. Ellen reminded everyone that the task force report was done three years ago and urged the Commission to be involved in the school's disposition by working on the RFP with Andrew. Nearby residents who might also be interested in working on this include Vicky Stevens, Linda Thayer and Ken Neuhauser.

Sesquicentennial: Ellen will continue to contact other towns' historical societies about their funding, origins, etc. Jack will contact Amy Loveless, director of the senior center, about the idea of a regional society, and will also contact Dave Griffin about making a formal request to the current Mill owners for permanent museum and archive space for the town's historical collections.

MACRIS phase 3: Lee reiterated the idea of walk-arounds this spring to compile a list of properties for research and listing in phase 3.

Library 2nd floor display case: Paul said that it was time for a new display there and suggested that the topic should be the Commission's historical marker and house plaque programs. He will work with Jeremy Robichaud, reference librarian. Priscilla will work on some descriptive material for the display. Information about Maynard's "lost buildings" will also be included.

NEW BUSINESS

Invitation to our representative on the BOS to attend one of our spring meetings: Jack will work on a meeting date with Melissa Levine-Piro and suggested that the group make a brief presentation to her at that meeting.

Plan to set up a meeting about the state anti-aid amendment: Jack would like to meet with Andrew and Lisa Mead, town counsel, to discuss and clarify how an historic preservation fund,

whose purpose would be to buy preservation restrictions, might operate legally if preservation of the subject property was in the public interest although the property was privately owned.

Update on recent changes in ownership to Historically Significant Properties: by Jack

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018