

Town of Maynard  
Minutes of  
**MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Peg Brown, Lee Caras, John Courville, Ellen Duggan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Boothroyd, Priscilla Sandberg

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:05 p.m.

- Alternates Peg Brown and John Courville designated voting members for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Peg Brown to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018. Motion seconded by Ellen Duggan. All members voted in favor. Motion approved.
- **FY18 Spending:** Of the \$1,000 budget, \$405 has been spent thus far. Jack MacKeen asked if we should order more Walking Tour brochures.

**7:09 - Lee Caras joins the meeting.**

If there's money left over, we would like to use it on Walking Tours. We have 10 weeks to spend the money.

Members discussed using the money to purchase more Historical Markers. The Historical Commission has yet to receive approval from homeowners for two outstanding markers. Priscilla Sandberg had volunteered to write to the two home-owners, however we have yet to hear from them. The decision was to purchase 4 more Historical Markers and use the balance for Walking Tour brochures.

The Commission would need to have the Markers drafted and approved by the homeowners. Four Markers will cost \$340, leaving \$255 for Walking Tour brochures. Peg Brown volunteered to work with Lee Caras on draft text for the 4 selected Markers.

- **Historical Marker Sub-Committee:** Ellen Duggan worked with Peg Brown to research deeds. Ellen has been waiting to hear from the Pastor at St. Bridget's for a marker for the Church Cemetery. There is some verbiage for the Burnside burial, who helped build the Garfield School in 1881. The verbiage needs to be refined.

Lee Caras suggested that it may be useful if the Commission created some decals to be placed on already existing plaques that have been created by homeowners. This would be an inexpensive way to bring more homes into the Historical Marker Program. SignLogics could create the decals.

**Action Item for the Commission:** Make a list of properties that have existing markers of the home-owners own creation. Commission members will look for these.

- **Sesquicentennial:** Ellen Duggan asked if the Commission could have a list of little things to do during the event. We could do a different feature every month, such as a historical home walking tour, visiting the Wildlife Refuge, etc. The Commission could focus on one event per month and have the Historical Society be included. We do need to come up with some events during that time.

**Action Item for Ellen:** Jack asked Ellen to work on the small events for the Sesquicentennial. The impetus for this will be the creation of the list.

- **Library Display:** The display has been created and is functional.
- **Space for Historical Society:** Jack MacKeen met with Dave Griffin regarding what the Historical Society needs in terms of space. Dave mention 2,000-2,500 square feet. Jack also met with Amy Loveless, who is also looking for more space for the Senior Center. It would be nice if Maynard had a Visitor's Center. Amy is attempting to put together a coalition to discuss these items. Friends of Seniors will be part of this.
- **Items for CPC:** Ellen Duggan asked if there are any projects the Commission would like to be reviewed by the CPC. What about fixing gravestones at Glenwood and St. Bridget's cemeteries?

### **7:33 - Jack MacKeen leaves the meeting**

There are elements on MACRIS that have to do with Glenwood Cemetery. It could be more attractive than it is now. What about planting trees of the weeping variety? Peg Brown stated the Commission could have a meeting with Mark Curran about this. The Cemetery seems so bare. Spruce trees were originally there, but they are difficult to maintain.

What do they do in Stow? The Lower Village Cemetery is well maintained.

Peg Brown mentioned that if a family plot is abandoned for 40 years, it reverts back to the Town. Ellen is willing to do repair on just the stones at Glenwood for now and look at St. Bridget's later.

Lee Caras asked if there was any update on the fencing for the open basement area near Marble Farm. There has not.

What about replacing the chain link fence at Glenwood Cemetery? The cost to do that would be \$150 per lineal foot.

The Commission will start thinking about projects for CPC for Fall.

There is a Facebook page called The Maynard Old House Club.

Erik Hansen has been working on the Mural Project. There is a historical one that is not going to be used, however Eric is impressed with it.

If the Commission could identify 5 gravestones to be repaired, up-righted, and cleaned, it would be helpful.

Peg Brown mentions that the Commission could create a type of medallion for the gravestones relating to a person of significant interest to the Town, like Mr. Herriman. Just a simple marker to go along with the headstone. It should be made of a material that wouldn't be stolen, like plastic.

What the status of the Historical Marker for the Alumni Field House?

**Action Item for John Courville:** John will check the Field House to see if the Marker is in place.

The Commission would like to see the Alumni Field House fixed-up.

The list of Historically Significant Properties is scheduled to be revised at the May meeting.

Lee Caras asked if there were any MACRIS properties on Demars Street? Lee will check the library. There has been an inquiry regarding a house plaque 8 Demars from Don Bowman.

--Meeting Adjourned--