

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 15, 2018

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

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

Approved minutes of April 17th meeting. Motion by Lee; seconded by Peg.

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers: Lee's drafts were circulated and discussed. Lee also brought up the idea of offering a Commission decal to homeowners who have put up their own markers. This was decided to be problematic. She also suggested that the Commission's section of the Town website include information about how to research a home's history. We get frequent inquiries about house histories, and often we have no information to offer. Priscilla (who was not able to attend the meeting) will be asked if she would draft an instructional piece. Peg said it could also be useful to town residents to offer a workshop at the Library twice a year about researching house history. She will commit to doing this (with Priscilla) as a 150th activity.

The Historically Significant Properties List: The list will be reviewed annually in May, with an effective date of July 1 for the revised List. The subcommittee's recommendations for changes were reviewed, keeping in mind criteria that would be important if we decided we had to defend a property against demolition.

List review:

Riverside Hall (Gruber Bros.). The group reaffirmed the decision of 6/20/17 to remove it from the list. Mill Worker Tenement Housing (1-19 odd #s on Sudbury Street). Jack moved that all of the Sudbury Street properties be removed from the list; seconded by Paul. Approved.

Additions to List:

#4 High Street (old RR freight house moved from Main Street). Ellen moved that this be added to the List; seconded by Paul. Approved.

The discussion about other possible additions to the List was tabled until the June meeting.

Sesquicentennial: The task of developing a list of prominent people in Maynard's history was postponed until June. Peg noted that there is a genealogy study in progress on the Maynard Historical Society's website at web.maynard.ma.us/history/founders/index.htm.

The display cabinet by the reference desk at the Library was also noted as a place to display sesquicentennial materials.

CPC projects for FY19: A project highlighting the oldest tombstones in Glenwood and St. Bridget's Cemeteries was discussed. Ellen & Peg suggested doing walkabouts to identify them.

Potential new MACRIS listings: Lee will work on estimating the number of walkabouts required to develop this and a list of addresses and their build dates for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant possibilities: John will provide information at the June meeting. Jack will provide information on possible sources for funding from state organizations.

OTHER:

Coolidge School: Ellen expressed concern about its deposition. Discussion followed.

Town Bounds: Paul said that the required walking of the bounds was long overdue.

Scenic Roads: Paul also brought up the continued lack of signage for Maynard's Scenic Roads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 6:30pm at Town Hall, room 201.