

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:35pm in the Maynard Public Library Trustees' Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, and Priscilla Sandberg.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16 meeting. Seconded by Ellen. Approved.

Ellen was approved as the Commission's long-serving representative to CPC. The Commission is grateful for her continuing service on the CPC.

Payment of a bill for services to date submitted by Kathy Broomer, our consultant for MACRIS phase #3, was approved.

Historical plaques and markers: SignLogics (Paul Tucker) has made three new plaques, two for Percival Street and one for Brooks Street (a homeowner's sign) that are ready for pickup. Draft signage on two more plaques is coming from Paul. We'll get a quote on signage for St. Bridget's Cemetery. The cost of PVC has increased since a similar sign for Glenwood Cemetery was made for \$420.

Discussion followed about the budget remaining for this year. Mock-ups for Mill signage should be done as quickly as possible so that they can be shared with the Mill manager (Paul Sullivan) and owners. They seem to be more amenable to developing a good relationship with the Town than was the case previously. 5-6 additional markers should also be made this year. Suggestions were made, and a list, based on the historically significant properties list, will be presented at June's Commission meeting.

Report from Ellen on historical plaques and markers: The idea of co-ordinating the development of Mill signage with U. Mass Lowell is not going to work out. However, plans for three markers—one at Ken Olsen Plaza, one on Mill property by building 5, and a third (about the clock tower) located elsewhere nearby are in development. These should be installed by April 2020 in time for the 150th kickoff.

Status of current CPC projects: The Glenwood Cemetery Pond project has been stalled because of rainy weather. Approval for the project to repair the oldest gravestones at Glenwood and St. Bridget's (the Heffernan stone) has been given by CPC. Paperwork is being prepared for the contractor, a New Hampshire gravestone restorer.

#### NEW BUSINESS

CPC funding for new projects: Ellen said that the next round of funding would occur in late August/early September. A number of ideas were presented—Marble Farm foundation restoration, Crowe Park, Alumni Field, benches for the Rail Trail and by the Pump House, and work at Ice House Landing. There was also discussion about correcting the bound marker that stands at the intersection of Maynard,

Concord, Sudbury and Acton. Also restoration the three-town bound marker in the Wildlife Refuge ammunition dump. A future project to consider might be the restoration of the organ at The Sanctuary.

150th POP-Up Museum: Jack talked to David Vio, owner of the Maynard Trust Company building, about the possibility of hosting one. Sara Lundberg would like to work on this exhibit, wherever it is ultimately located.

## OTHER

Maynard Town time capsules: Paul once had a discussion with Andrew Scribner-MacLean, formerly the Assistant Town Administrator, about letters and other materials in his office relating to the capsules. These need to be located.

Noted: The Finnish Church, which houses the Mill curfew bell, may perhaps come on the market for sale. The church will work with the Commission to safeguard the bell if this is the case. The historical signage at the former Gruber Brother's store will also be protected, per a conversation Jack had with Bill Nemser, Town Planner.

Ellen has generously given an additional gift to the Commission. We are indebted to her for her generosity.

The Boston Post cane, given to the Town's oldest resident, will now be presented to Mrs. D'Amico.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35pm was made by Ellen and seconded by Paul. Approved.

NEXT MEETING will be June 18, 2019, at the Library at 6:30pm.