

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:33pm in the Trustees Room, Maynard Public Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Paul Boothroyd, John Courville, Ann Gibson and Brion Berghaus. Absent: Priscilla Sandberg, Peg Brown and John Brandon.

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19 meeting. It was seconded by Ellen and approved.

Jack noted that the format of the meeting's published agenda now conforms to the new format and typeface as required by the Town Clerk. Going forward she will time-stamp receipt of an agenda and send it back to the originator.

Coolidge School additional CPC application:

Jack said that the original CPC application had been withdrawn. The redevelopment of the school is a complex project with a number of entities involved, including the Affordable Housing Trust and MHC. In due time a new CPC funding application will be submitted for the historical portion of the project, including funds for a National Register application for the building.

MHC feedback on the draft of the Town Master Plan:

Lee went through each item of the Plan that listed the Commission as a responsible party. Edits were suggested during discussion. Jack will take the edits and comments to the Plan implementation committee.

## CURRENT TOPICS

Mill Curfew Bell:

The bell is currently located in the tower of the Finnish Church, which is for sale. The Church has agreed to gift the bell to the Town. Ellen has submitted a proposal to CPC to fund the estimated cost of removing and relocating the bell to the police station, where it could reside, crated, on a temporary basis. The operation will cost about \$20,000, according to Justin De Marco, DPW director. Ellen will contact rigging companies for estimates.

Historic Markers for the Mill:

Ellen displayed the current drafts of the marker boards and led the group through their story. She will be contacting Maro Hogan and Lynn Horsky, among others, regarding design and production estimates for the marker boards.

Sesquicentennial items:

Ellen reported that the calendar is selling quite well.

Jack will invite Dave Griffin to the next MHC meeting for discuss how the Historical Society plans to participate in the 150th celebration year.

Jack will also contact David Vios who owns the Maynard Trust Company building to see if he will allow historical displays in the lobby cases for the 150th celebration.

Ellen is requesting that each person on the Historical Commission create 10 Maynard history questions and answers for our FaceBook page.

Maynard Vulnerability Study: Lee has attended the two full afternoon sessions. It seems clear that MHC has only a minimal role to play, but should keep abreast of the Study's findings.

The MHC five-year plan:

Jack suggested that we postpone discussion of both the five-year plan and discussion of properties for possible National Register designation until next meeting.

Plaques and Markers:

Ellen proposed additional markers for the St. Bridget's 2nd Rectory, for its original rectory (the Abel Haynes house), and for the Powdermill Superintendent's house at 106 Powdermill Road.

#### NEW TOPICS

MHC Annual Report:

Jack presented a draft report for review. Minor corrections were made. Lee made a motion to approve the report as discussed. Paul seconded the motion, and it was approved. Jack will forward it to Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town Administrator.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul and seconded by Ellen. Upon approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Maynard Library at 6:30pm.