

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 - Maynard Public Library - Cullen Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Peg Brown at 7:04.

**Members Present:** Peg Brown, Lee Caras and Dave Griffin

**Members Absent:** Jack MacKeen.

**Acceptance of meeting minutes** from the Sep 15th Meeting: Motion made to accept the minutes as recorded by Dave. Lee seconded the motion. Unanimous acceptance of the minutes.

Lee read a letter to the editor (24-Sep) by Stephen Korbet regarding the loss of downtown properties. He might be someone interested in the MHC?

**2000 Historical Properties Survey**

Lee has located the current contact information the author (Joan Rockwell): [jsrockwell@earthlink.net](mailto:jsrockwell@earthlink.net), 413-624-9666, jsrockwell.com // Lee will contact her to see if she is interested in participating in a follow-up study.

**2010 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Article**

Cathy O'Dea will be bringing our request for a minimal budget line item to the Board of Selectmen to see what they might consider appropriate. Our goal is to establish a program for a historical preservation plaques as discussed in September's meeting along with funding for memberships in organizations such as Freedom's Way. Peg will look into possible funding sources (e.g., Community Stabilization Fund).

**Florida Road Bridge**

The CPC has been approached to expend Historical Preservation funds for the Florida Road Bridge. The Commission's general opinion is that while the bridge is old, it has no particular historical or cultural value to the town and that CPA funds would be better reserved for historic bridges such as the Mill Street or other projects.

**Preservation Awards Program**

Peg provided a draft outline of a preservation award program (see attachment A). These awards are separate from the "Top 20" properties plaque program. The first year the MHC would make the awards and announce the public nominations award for next year. We discussed timing and the intent of the awards. Lee believes the Top 20 program should be in place first.

**Historic Markers / Top 20 / etc.**

Reviewed different ways of recognizing historical preservation and properties in town. For the purchased plaque program (the pedigree plaque) we might want to sponsor a program/workshop for people to learn about how to research the deed of a home -- giving people the tools to pursue getting a plaque. We also need to find an affordable wooden plaque (research welcome).

Criteria for all of the programs needs to be established. 50 years? 100 years?

For the pedigree plaques, should there be any date cutoff?

Lee is continuing the organization of the properties into the Top 20. She's currently looking for "clusters" of properties that share some historical significance (e.g., Brown Family Farm, Maynard Family, Smith Family, Brooks Family, Mill Complex, Troughs/SmallerStuff, Churches, Schools, etc.) Lee will send around the initial set of clusters to the members for refinement. November meeting will focus on the Top 20 project.

Motion to adjourn by Dave, 2nd by Peg. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Next meeting November 17th at the Maynard Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Griffin, Clerk