

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:30pm at Town Hall room 201.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, John Courville, and Brion Berghaus (guest). Melissa Levine-Piro, our BOS Liaison had planned to come but could not attend.

Approved minutes of May 15th meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historically Significant Properties List: Discussed whether it was appropriate to add properties to the List that had not already been professionally reviewed and added to MACRIS. Properties that fell into this category from the list offered at the May meeting include #8 Maple street, and #s 174, 199 and 207 Main Street. Jack asked Paul to provide comments about these properties.

Removals voted on and confirmed at the May meeting (#42 Main Street and #1-#19 odd #s on Sudbury Street) were accepted.

Ellen moved that we rescind the May vote to approve adding #4 High Street (old RR freight house moved from Main Street) to the List. Seconded by Lee. Approved.

Paul moved that #30, #63, #65, #69, and #71 Main Street, and #s 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 River Street all be added to the List. Seconded by Ellen. Approved. Lee moved that #155 Main Street be added to the List. Seconded by Ellen. Approved.

Three other properties were approved as additions to the List: Paul moved that #3 High Street and #20 Concord Street be added to the List. #3 seconded by Ellen; #20 seconded by Lee. Lee moved that #15 Brown Street be added. Seconded by Ellen. Approved. Jack moved that discussion of changes to the List be closed for the year. Approved.

The List needs to be updated to reflect changes in property ownership. Owners whose properties have been removed from or added to the List need to be notified.

CPC projects for FY19: Ellen continued discussion regarding the oldest tombstones in Glenwood and St. Bridget's Cemeteries. She said that many early stones were in need of major restoration, e.g., the gravestone of Civil War veteran Joseph Heffernan in St. Bridget's. The Commission also need to know what perpetual care provided by cemetery workers actually covers.

The Clocktower clock needs restoration work. Paul will explore the situation. Jack will contact the Mill to see if they have an interest in partnering with the Commission on a project to restore it.

Historical Preservation Revolving Fund Proposal: Jack said that he would be meeting shortly with Town Counsel to discuss the issue further.

Historical Marker production/delivery status report: #3 and #4 High Street, and #63 Summer Street (ArtSpace) markers have been installed. #174 Great Road has not been installed. Permission from the owners of #60 Summer Street (the former St. George's) and #206-208 Great Road (William Smith house) for the installation of markers needs to be obtained.

Ellen's family plaque project is starting with the development of five plaques.

Paul proposed a marker for next year's production round at #114 Summer Street, as "site of" the former Gibson Farm.

Jack commented that all future markers should state the year that the building was finished or opened, rather than the year its construction began, if beginning and completing construction occurred in different years.

Sesquicentennial: Ellen and Paul will develop a list of about twelve Maynard residents who contributed to the Town in important ways.

Peg floated the idea of installing an "old-fashioned" public street clock for the anniversary.

MACRIS Phase #3: If Joan Rockwell is available to undertake this project, direction from Assistant Town Administrator, Andrew Scribner-MacLean, regarding the RFP process needs to be sought. Ellen offered to help with the new RFP.

## NEW BUSINESS

FY18 spending: \$998.00 has been spent, including funds encumbered for the payment of new walking tour brochures. FY18 budget was \$1,000.00.

Grant possibilities: John discussed NIH grants.

Officer elections for FY19: The slate of officers, all currently serving in their positions, included Jack (chairperson), Priscilla (vice-chairperson), Ellen (CPC representative), and Lee (clerk). Jack moved that we re-elect the current slate. Seconded by Ellen and approved. Expiration dates for members of the Commission are as follows: Jack and John, FY2019, Priscilla, Paul and Peg, FY2020, Lee and Ellen FY2021.

An Historical Museum for Maynard: Dick Downey, Vice-Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, is interested in promoting such a project.

It was suggested that Melissa Levine-Piro and Dave Griffin both be invited to attend the Commission's September or October meeting with this as well as other matters in mind.

## OTHER:

Approval to adjourn the meeting at 9 :00pm followed a motion by Lee and a second by John.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 18, 2018.