

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Priscilla Sandberg;

Absent: Lee Caras.

Alternates: Present: Peg Brown; Absent: John Courville

-Peg Brown was named a voting member for this meeting.

Guests: BOS liaison Melissa Levine-Piro (6:30-7:00PM), John Brandon

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: Motion made by Paul to approve the minutes of June 19, 2018. Motion seconded by Priscilla. All members voted in favor. Motion approved.

Informal discussions with BOS liaison present included differentiation between roles of Historical Society and Historical Commission, Commission pursuit of legislative act to create Historic Preservation Fund, Commission role with historic buildings in Powdermill Road project and attempts to find Covenant between Mill owner and Town requiring owner to maintain clock.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historically Significant Properties list

- Letters to new properties on the list and letters to homes coming off the list have been completed and will be mailed this week. New list, effective July 1, 2018 has been posted to town web site and provided to Building Commissioner.
- Discussed creating a create reference book to support future bylaw decisions. Paul will send Priscilla the information on one property to develop a template for collecting information for all properties. Paul will identify properties he thinks are most at risk.
- Powdermill Road Project (116 and 118 Powdermill Road) – Defer to next meeting

Sesquicentennial

- Gold Star Memorial Marker Co-Sponsorship - (Ellen/All) – Ellen discussed meeting with a stone restoration specialist to work on some of the older stones in the cemetery, suggested to work with the American Legion. Ellen has created a CPC application for funding. Commission voted unanimously to sponsor application. Paul and Peg signed for Commission.

MACRIS phase 3: Update

- The RFP has been submitted and a company has responded to the request for information from Andrew. He has also sent a copy to the firm that Nicole from VHB and Joan Rockwell mentioned

NEW BUSINESS

FY19 spending; initial allocation

- 45 dollars has been spent from the budget to correct the sign for the Peoples Theater on Nason Street. Discussed approaching the mill again to create signs for the property. Follow up with additional comments at the next meeting.

Grant opportunities: Review potential (John) – Defer to next meeting

Clock Damage

- Jack talked to the mill management regarding the damage to the clock. They indicated that they were not sure if scaffolding could be placed on the roof and they estimated repair at \$300,000. Follow up is to find the covenant documents which indicate that the owner of the mill is responsible for fixing the clock. Paul will also provide a picture of the scaffolding they used to fix it approximately 30 years ago.

Sign for 114 Summer Street

- Some confusion about what the status of the sign at 114 Summer Street – does it exist and is it hung?

MHC web page/social media content: (Priscilla/All)

- Ideas included
 - Post Office History
 - Other Anniversary Celebrations (1921, 1971)
 - When Maynard became a town
 - Historical Markers
 - Friends of the Library/Roosevelt
 - Maynard then and now
 - Leapin Lena
 - Former Businesses
 - 125th book

Next regular meeting: October 16, 2018