

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:00pm at the Maynard Public Library Trustees' Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, and Peg Brown (as a voting member). John subsequently joined the meeting.

Approved minutes of September 18th meeting. Motion by Paul; seconded by Ellen.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historically Significant Properties List: Notification letters were mailed to property owners regarding changes in the list. Letters mailed to #9 and #11 Sudbury Street were returned as "undeliverable". A reference book needs to be created for listed properties. Each listing should include a copy of the MACRIS Form B, copies of photos from the Historical Society and other sources, and information about the property. A photo of the historical marker at the property site should also be included.

ACTION ITEM: Peg will draft a template for a listing.

Historical Markers: The group decided that historical markers for the Mill were of the highest priority for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ACTION ITEM: Lee and Ellen will begin to explore this.

Powdermill Road Project: The group discussed developments regarding water & sewer sources for the project as well as a rumor that Acton is interested in moving the salt box houses (on our current historically significant properties list, at #116 and #118 Powdermill Road) to Acton for reuse. Ellen suggested strongly that the Commission make its preferences known to the Town of Maynard as it moves forward with negotiations with the developer. Paul moved that the Commission endorse the preservation of both properties, at #116 Powdermill Road and at #118 Powdermill Road. Seconded by Lee. The motion was approved.

ACTION ITEM: Jack will send a letter to the Maynard Board of Selectmen stating that the Commission took this vote regarding the preservation of these Powdermill Road properties. He will also speak to Melissa Levine-Piro, our representative on the BOS, directly about this.

MACRIS Phase #3: Ellen and Lee have reviewed and scored the proposals submitted to Andrew Scribner-MacLean for the project. He is checking the references provided by our top-choice candidate.

Grant Opportunities: John will keep the Commission apprised of the State Historical Commission 50/50 grants that support National Register property nominations.

Historic Preservation Fund: Jack will be meeting later this week with Town Counsel, Lisa Mead, for further discussion about creating such a fund.

CPC projects for FY19: Ellen spoke about the possibility of funding gravestone restoration in both Glenwood and St. Bridget's Cemeteries. Discussion concluded that since the cemetery plots and their headstones are privately owned, it is appropriate to discuss the possibility of CPC funding with Town Counsel.

ACTION ITEM: Ellen will do this.

NEW BUSINESS

MHC member recruitment: Ellen spoke of the need to recruit younger members. Jack said he was hoping John Brandon, who started a homeowners group in the Tremont Street area, will join.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will ask Dave Griffin to put a notice of an opening on the Commission on the Historical Society's webpage on the Town website.

Ellen also told the group that she is attending the Coolidge School Reuse Committee meetings, and that she will keep the Commission apprised of the Reuse Committee's progress.

Lee mentioned the November 8 workshop in Lowell that will focus on Minimum Maintenance Bylaws.

OTHER:

Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm followed a motion by Ellen and a second by Lee.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2018.