

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:00pm at the Maynard Public Library Trustees' Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, John Courville and Priscilla Sandberg. Guests: John Brandon (Maynard resident) and Kathy Broomer (historical survey consultant).

Approved minutes of October 16th meeting. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historically Significant Properties List: Jack created files for nine of the most vulnerable properties. Priscilla will work with Paul on descriptive information for each file. Paul will work on gathering related photographs. Peg has done a file template to hold the properties information.

MACRIS Phase #3: Kathy Broomer made a presentation of her initial work that included photos and a GIS map. A partial payment schedule was discussed.

Gravestone restoration project application to CPC: Ellen reported that there are about 15 stones in Glenwood Cemetery and about 10 stones in St. Bridget's Cemetery under consideration. The total estimated expense is about \$7,000. Following discussion about applying for CPC funds to restore personal property located in a church-owned cemetery, the group decided to do two separate applications — one for the Glenwood gravestones and one for the St. Bridget's gravestones. Ellen said that she had discussed church cemetery gravestone restoration using CPC funds with Stuart Saginor at the state CPC office.

MHC web page/social media content: Priscilla is working on this. Paul suggested that information about the big white arrow on top of the Mill building #5 (it directed planes toward Boston), bog iron mining in the late 1600's and early 1700's, and Bug House Corner be included.

Historical Preservation Fund: Jack said its purpose would be to create a pool of funds whose distribution was controlled by the Commission. If the Fund is created, it would be necessary to establish rules and procedures for distributing its monies. Further discussion will be an agenda item for January's meeting.

The Commission approved a motion made by Jack to skip meeting in December; motion seconded by Paul.

Historical Marker for the Mill: Lee and Ellen reported that they had considered various locations for a large marker and recommended that a double marker be placed on both sides of Ken Olsen Plaza. Timing is an open question, given that the adjacent bridge is about to be replaced. This location seems ideal, however, for a number of reasons. It would not be located on Mill property, and it is adjacent to both Main Street (built by Amory Maynard) and the Assabet River (which was moved to accommodate the Mill). A second location was suggested on Sudbury Street next to the Mill Pond. Content, size, format and pricing of the marker(s) will be explored.

NEW BUSINESS

MHC member recruitment: Ellen invited David Mark to join. He is interested, but not until he has finished the new Maynard history book for the Town's 150th anniversary. John Brandon and Brion Berghaus will plan to join as alternate members.

FY2020 budget request: Jack proposed that the Commission request more than the \$1,000 it has received during past years. Commission members agreed.

OTHER:

CPC funded project at Glenwood Cemetery Pond: Paul reported that clearing of the road running down to the Pond has begun.

The Commission decided to change the regular meeting time to 6:30pm going forward.

Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm followed a motion by Paul and a second by John.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at the Library.