

Town of Maynard

MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - Maynard Public Library

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:33 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd; alternates Peg Brown and John Courville (voting); alternates John Brandon, Brion Berghaus.

Approved the meeting minutes of January 19, 2019. Motion by Ellen; seconded by Paul.

NEW BUSINESS

Clock and Clock Tower / Markers / Curfew Bell: Round-table discussion of a possible future purchase of a preservation restriction for the clock and/or clock and tower. Historic markers are needed for the clock, the curfew bell at the Mission Evangelical Church and the rooming house at 165 Main Street. Ellen will take this action item. Money is available in the FY19 budget for 3 plaques.

Report on Millbury Historic Preservation conference: John Courville summarized the conference. He will stay current with the Millbury group and give us updates on grant procurement processes and information.

Joint Meeting with Historical Society re: 150th: Suggestion to have the Historical Society present a few programs during the Sesquicentennial year. Also investigate the possibility of a temporary “pop-up” museum to showcase the Society’s collection. Ellen suggested producing a small booklet to highlight prominent Maynardians from past years.

National Register Property nominations: Ellen discussed reviewing past MACRIS surveys and keeping potential future National Register properties on our radar.

Orientation material for new MHC members: Suggestion to assemble handbooks for new Commissioners – to possibly include the Haley Fritz handbook, an outline about how the Commission works, definition of the Mass. charter, our regulatory responsibilities, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Marker for Mill – The emphasis will be about the people of the mill, with a brief chronological history of the property. We need the services of a graphic designer/artist. Ellen will pursue.

Historically Significant Properties List: Revised reference book is still a work in progress.

MACRIS Inventory: Kathy B. is preparing to survey our latest round of properties, pending permission by three homeowners for access to their properties for photos. Peg will research the legal names of the homeowners. Ellen will draft a “permissions” letter.

FY2020 budget request - report: MHC has requested a budget increase to \$2,500. It's not yet known if we will receive the full amount.

MEMBERS CONCERNS

Paul wondered if we had any potential Eagle Scout projects that might tie in with the 150th celebration. As always, the Scouts have a need for useful projects in the community.

Paul mentioned the need for the Selectmen to address marking the town bounds issues and relocating an errant marker. As is, they are two years behind schedule.

Can we share some of Maynard's prized oral histories during the 150th celebration? Perhaps Pam Newton might take this on as part of her Mill Town project.

Motion by Paul, second by Ellen to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019