

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:30pm in the Campbell Room, Maynard Town Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Priscilla Sandberg, John Courville and Brion Berghaus. Guests: Ann Gibson and David Mark.

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18th meeting. Seconded by Paul. Approved.

#### CURRENT TOPICS

##### Historic Plaques and Markers:

Jack has sent out formal letters to the registered owners of buildings proposed for historical markers listed in the June meeting minutes. Lee sent out a letter to the property owner of the William Parker house, also listed. It is now okay to proceed with markers for the Lorenzo Maynard house and carriage house. No responses have been received with regard to the other inquiries except that the owner the William Parker house declined the Commission's request to have a marker placed there. Priscilla will make followup phone calls to registered property owners who have not responded to Jack's letters, but excluding the Lucius Maynard house (which Paul will follow up on) and the Asa Smith house, where there has been a recent death in the family.

Potential markers for the George F. Brown house at 93 Acton Street and 50-52 Summer Street ( a two-family house) were also discussed. 50-52 Summer Street is listed on the town's historically significant properties list; Jack will update the list to indicate each numbers has separate ownership. The owner of #52 would like to have an historic marker mounted on both #50 and #52. Jack moved that the Commission shall provide one historical marker per building at its expense. Priscilla seconded the motion; it was approved. Additional house plaques may be bought by homeowners. Discussion also clarified that historical marker ownership, as opposed to plaque ownership, resides with the Historical Commission, not with the property owner.

##### Historic Markers for the Mill:

Jack told the group that he now has a good relationship with the Mill owner, a real plus for our markers project. Lee is retreating to a support role on the project, but will reach out to Sara Lundberg for assistance with project concept and development.

##### Signage for St. Bridget's Cemetery:

The Committee chose a version of the sign mockup that Jack will now deliver it to SignLogics.

##### MACRIS inventory update:

The Committee answered procedural questions Kathy Broomer had emailed to Lee regarding wrap up of the project. Lee will ask Kathy if she does applications for National Register designations.

##### Potential projects for the Sesquicentennial:

Ellen is now an official member of the 150th committee. She detailed events that will take place at the kick-off on April 19. Ann Gibson is interested in giving historical tours in costume. Lee will contact the Library to reserve the Roosevelt Room exhibit space for an updated version of the "Maynard Then & Now" exhibit held there five years ago. Priscilla and Ellen will explore making an historical calendar co-

sponsored by the Commission and the Maynard Historical Society. Priscilla will also plan a house deed research seminar at the Library.

#### CPC funding:

Gravestone restoration: Ellen said this will begin in late September by an expert who uses a biological spray. Both the Heffernan and Carney stones will be treated. Paul will mark 24 stones at Glenwood for review. Jack emphasized the need to take before & after photos of the stones to be serviced.

Cemetery Pond restoration: Paul reported that necessary tree work is underway.

FY19 and FY20 budget and spending: Jack reported that \$985 of \$1,000 budgeted for FY19 has been spent. The proposed FY20 budget of \$2,500 may be reduced as a result of decreased state funding to the Town.

#### NEW TOPICS

##### New CPC Projects:

##### Marble Farm site:

David Mark made a proposal that the site become a Town park, and said that he would be applying to the CPC for funding of a feasibility study. Jack suggested that he might contact Jim Coleman, a Planning Board member who has worked on getting a parking lot on Rockland Avenue. Ellen said that she'd ask Mike Guzzo, Town Accountant, if there is money in the budget for fencing around the house foundation. Motion to support David's application for CPC funding for the Marble Farm study was made by Jack. It was seconded by Paul and approved.

##### The Mill curfew bell now located at the Finnish Church:

Ellen reported that the church will give the bell to the Town and that she will submit a proposal to CPC for funding its restoration. Other funding sources will be explored.

##### Coolidge School:

The RFP is out. The working group has expanded. Paul noted that there are historical architectural drawings in the basement that are in disarray.

##### Historic Preservation Fund:

Jack reported that consideration by Town Counsel is proceeding.

#### OTHER

##### Walking the Town Bounds:

Paul said that the Board of Selectmen had been reminded of its official duty to walk the bounds. This will be done later in the fall.

##### Maynard's "Scenic Roads":

Paul expressed concern that no action has been taken with regard to the "scenic road" designations approved at Town Meeting in 1975 for Concord Street, Old Marlboro Road, and portions of Puffer Road and Summer Street. Lee will locate her file on the subject.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

NEXT MEETING will be October 15, 2019, at the Maynard Town Building, Room 202 at 6:30pm.

