

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:40pm in Room 202, Maynard Town Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, John Courville, John Brandon and Brion Berghaus. Guests: Ann Gibson and Kathy Broomer.

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17 meeting. It was seconded by Ellen and approved.

CURRENT TOPICS

MACRIS:

Our consultant, Kathy Broomer, presented final documents and maps for MACRIS phase 3. 192 properties were covered in this phase. The group expressed its appreciation of the quality and timeframe of her accomplishment in the discussion that followed. Kathy commented that early 20th-century structures are still under-represented in our surveys, and cited four-square homes as an example. Jack remarked that approximately 700 properties have now been surveyed, and that the Commission would be shifting its efforts to adding properties/districts to the National Register. Kathy said that in her phase 3 work, the Brooks and Lincoln Street area, and the St. Bridget's complex would be NR candidates. There were also properties surveyed in phase 1 that were recommended by Joan Rockwell for NR consideration.

Plaques and Markers:

Two Lorenzo Maynard property markers and a marker for 93 Acton Street are in mock-up form ready for SignLogics. The plaque for 50-52 Summer Street has been finished. The marker for St. Bridget's Cemetery is ready and waiting for a mounting bracket. A purchase order for the bracket and stand has been placed with MassCor. The hope is for a delivery date before winter. The location for the marker will be set shortly with the Town Engineer, Wayne Amico.

Historic Markers for the Mill:

Ellen gave an update on the concept plan. Discussion of the locations for the markers focused on the DEC Plaza, with, perhaps, additional display copies in the Mill lobby. It is hoped there will be a shared funding arrangement with the Mill.

Potential projects for the Sesquicentennial:

Ellen will be meeting with Dave Griffin to explore making an historical calendar co-sponsored by the Commission and the Maynard Historical Society.

CPC funding:

Gravestone restoration: Ellen reported that funding has been approved for the project, which will probably begin next spring. Jack emphasized the need to take before & after photos of the stones to be refurbished.

Cemetery Pond restoration: Jack reported that the project is currently on hold.

Finnish Church Mill curfew bell: Ellen has put in a request to CPC for \$20,000.

Coolidge School RFP:

There are two viable proposals under consideration. Both consider housing and historic preservation. National Register status will likely be sought in conjunction with tax credit possibilities.

NEW TOPICS

Our Five-Year Plan:

Jack will send the current version of the Plan to all for review. He said that the Commission's mandate to preserve the Town's history should be reflected by the Plan's visioning goals and specific tasks.

Marlboro Historical Society "Museum in the Streets" Program:

Our new DPW head, Justin DeMarco, was previously involved in the Marlboro project. Jack showed materials from the company that facilitates these projects. He also asked Ann Gibson for her thoughts on how Maynard's walking tours could be improved.

OTHER

Maynard's "Scenic Roads":

Lee described the history of the Town's designation of scenic roads and their locations. She hopes to tour those areas with Paul when he is available to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

NEXT MEETING will be November 19, 2019, at the Maynard Town Building at 6:30pm.