

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:35pm.

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

Paul made motions to approve the minutes of both the March 10th meeting and the May 21st meeting. Both motions were seconded by Lee, and approved with the correction of the spelling of "Sagino" (not "Saginaw") in the minutes of 5/21.

Minutes of Commission meetings held in 2020 are not yet posted on the Town website. Jack will ask Dave Griffin to expedite these postings.

#### CURRENT TOPICS

Curfew bell preservation update - The request to CPC for \$20,000 to remove the bell from the Finnish Congregational Church and relocate it was approved at Town Meeting. On June 30, an estimator from the rigging company, O. B. Hill, will meet the various parties involved at the church site.

Historic Marker for the Mill - Jack reported that the Sesquicentennial Committee has now approved a total of \$1,000 for the project. A Mill Marker Fund has been set up and currently holds contributions from the Carney family and the Rotary Club.

Most of the funds budgeted for FY 2020 for the Historical Commission remain unspent; an invoice for Lynn Horsky's Mill Marker design work should be forthcoming.

Jack also reported that the Town Building Commissioner, Rick Asmann, who enforces the sign bylaw and associated safety issues, has designated the Mill panels as "interpretive signs", and that the Commission must apply to the Select Board for a permit to erect them on Town property. Town Planner, Bill Nemser, and Justin De Marco, head of DPW, will facilitate various aspects of the installation.

Historical Markers for properties on the Historically Significant Properties list - removed from the agenda.

Sesquicentennial update - The 150th Committee's tentative plans discussed at its meeting last week include an outdoor movie and participation in the Christmas parade. Paul suggested that we consider collecting personal stories from Maynard residents on how they are dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. Priscilla said that we could do this using postcards that could be mailed to the MHC mailbox at Town Hall.

Five Year Plan - Ellen moved that we accept the Plan dated 6/13/2020 as a guide for the Commission's activities going forward; John Courville seconded the motion, and it was approved. It was also noted that a resource handbook needs to be created that defines the responsibilities of various Commission roles, including Chairperson, Clerk and CDC Representative.

National Register properties - Discussion of potential properties, the required permission of property owners, sources of funding, and the purpose of seeking an NR designation took place. Jack made a motion that the list of potential NR properties include #174, #178 and #206-208 Great Road, the Mill complex and St. Bridget's complex. It was seconded by Ellen and approved.

## NEW TOPICS

Officer elections - Jack agreed to serve as Chair for the next six months. Ellen agreed to serve as liaison to the CPC for one more year. Lee agreed to continue as Clerk for the year. Brion has filed paperwork to serve as an alternate member of the Commission. Ellen said that Paul Le Sage has also begun an application to join the Commission.

Potential CPC funded projects - Ellen said that the next round of application reviews starts in September. Ideas for funding include restoration of the 12:10 lunch whistle, the Alumni field house and various early gravestones.

Historically Significant Properties list - the annual June review of the list was postponed until September.

## OTHER

Paul noted that the Boston Cane has been presented to Rocco Brienzo, who is now the oldest resident of Maynard.

Jack requested that Ellen and Priscilla work on publicizing the valuable contributions the Commission is making to the Town, e.g., gravestone restorations, return of the curfew bell, the Mill panels and other things.

At 8:20 Paul moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by John Courville and approved.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Interim summer meetings and September 15, 2020