

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:45pm via Zoom.

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

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting. It was seconded by Ellen and approved. Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21st meeting. It was seconded by Paul and approved.

Jack offered a formal acknowledgement of Ellen's award at Town Meeting for her many contributions to the Town.

#### CURRENT TOPICS

Mill curfew bell preservation update:

Ellen described the removal process and subsequent storage plan at the DPW barn in a sealed trailer. There was discussion about the bell's future installation in a public space in Town, which will be done utilizing the balance of the CPC funds granted for the project for a two-year period.

Historic Marker for the Mill at Ken Olsen Plaza:

Jack reported receipt of 58 contributions totaling \$11,145. This amount, combined with the Commission's budget amounts available, covers all costs for the marker and perhaps more. The possibility of installing a planter or overhead solar lighting was discussed. The DPW will install the historical panels. They will be dedicated next spring.

Sesquicentennial:

Ellen reported that the 150th Committee-sponsored drive-in style movie was a huge success. David Mark's Town history book will be available shortly. He will do a reading at a Library event. A parade and Sesquicentennial lamppost banners are being planned for downtown.

The time capsules at ArtSpace (Fowler school) and the Coolidge school filled in 1971 will be dug up and opened and a new capsule will be filled. With the ground soon to be frozen, Paul will work with Justin DeMarco, DPW director, to unearth the boxes as soon as possible.

Ann reported that she had attended a recent 150th Committee meeting to propose giving historic walking tours in Maynard next spring and summer in costume. Jack made a motion that the MHC support Ann's project. It was seconded by Paul and approved. Paul and Ann will also discuss a possible tour of Glenwood Cemetery as part of her project.

Ellen reported on sales of the 2020 150th anniversary calendar. 45 calendars were sold at \$10 each. She would like to do a new calendar for 2021. Brion and Ann volunteered to help with the project. Jack moved that MHC advance \$500 for the production of a 2021 Sesquicentennial calendar. Paul seconded the motion and it was approved.

CPC Applications for the Fall funding cycle:

The restoration of the 12:10 Town air horn was discussed, but it was decided to table the idea until next year.

Ellen and Paul will tour Glenwood Cemetery to review current restoration work on gravestones in Section 1 and to identify an additional 40-50 older stones that need work that could be done through a new CPC grant.

Action item: Lee will make a list of all MHC projects completed through the use of CPC grants.

## NEW ITEMS

### FY22 Funding Reduction:

Jack said that, given the uncertainties of Town funding in general during COVID-19, he recommended a level-funded budget of \$2,000 be submitted. He moved that a MHC budget request for \$2,000 be filed. Ellen seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### FY21 Historic markers:

For consideration: the Artemis Whitney house, and the former Jewish synagogue.

### National Register applications:

The Coolidge School will eventually be on the NR. Discussion about other potential buildings included the Congregational Church (aka "The Sanctuary"), the St. Bridget's complex, and 174/176 Great Road (the former Red Fox Inn and a private residence). Permission of a building owner is required, as well as state Historical Commission review and approval before a NR application process can begin. Our list will be prioritized.

### Survey and Planning grant deadlines:

Deadlines are March/April for state Historical Commission grants, and early September for CPC.

### House Plaque Applications:

One has been received for the Orrin Fowler house, 89 Nason Street (1890), and another for the McCarron house, 1 Randall Road (1905). Both applicants followed the directions from our website carefully. Discussion about the amount of information that could appear on a plaque led to considering a revision of the application form. Ann suggested that the form might want to state that the MHC would work with an applicant on plaque text if so desired.

## OTHER

### The Clock in the Mill Tower:

It is the responsibility of the Mill owners, through a covenant with the Town, to maintain the clock. Ellen noted that it is not working, and that she had mentioned this to Town Administrator, Greg Johnson. Johnson will contact the Mill property manager, Paul Sullivan, about the problem.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack, seconded by John Courville and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: November 17, 2020, and January 19, 2021