

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, MAY 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:02pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Paul Boothroyd, Brion Berghaus and Paul Lesage (as a voting member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Priscilla Sandberg, John Courville, John Brandon, and Ann Gibson

GUEST: Lydia Clancy

CURRENT TOPICS

To formulate and approve a Commission response to the School Committee document request regarding the field behind Green Meadow School (EXHIBIT: picture of field and school previously emailed to Commission members):

Statement from School Committee to the Commission for response: that the intended use of a solar array at the Green Meadow School field does not impede the Commission's mission to preserve, protect and develop historical or architectural assets.

In discussion Paul B noted that a Native American artifact (sinker) had been found in the field about 10 years ago and was given to the Historical Society. Jack said that since there was no historical review of the field, its historical value, if any, is unknown. After further discussion the following statement was adopted:

The Maynard Historical Commission by roll-call vote at a meeting convened on May 4, 2021, for the specific purpose, unanimously affirms that, based on current knowledge, a solar array on the field will not impede the mission as described, provided access to the field remains available to the Historical Commission.

This statement will be sent to Lydia at lclancy@maynard.k12.ma.us and to perhaps to comments4SCmeeting.maynard.k12.ma.us.

Program and schedule for Mill marker and dedication: Ellen reported that last evening's 150th Committee meeting discussed the June 5th 11am rubber duck race and that she presented a plan to schedule the Mill marker dedication that same morning at 10:15. She outlined the elements of the program and list of invitees.

FY21 Historical Markers: Ann will continue to work on markers.

Sesquicentennial bench for Mill marker site: Jack said that with funds currently available, one or two benches with logos could be purchased for the site.

MOTION to purchase one 150th bench to replace a worn bench at the site, to be installed by the DPW was made by Jack. It was seconded by Brion and approved.

Ellen offered funds from the Duggan Family Gift Fund to purchase a second 150th bench.

MOTION to purchase a second bench using monies from the Duggan Family Gift Fund was made by Ellen. It was seconded by Jack and approved.

Jack will contact Kaitlin Young about the 150th bench purchases.

Curfew bell: Jack asked the group to think about whether the bell wheel, which holds the rope that rings the bell, should be included when the bell is exhibited, even if the wheel is not the original one. Paul B thought it was important to include the wheel.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen, seconded by Lee and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: May 18, and June 15, 2021.