

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:00pm via Zoom. During the discussion of the curfew bell (see below), he excused himself in order to attend the Select Board meeting regarding a permit for the June 5th historical Mill panels ceremony.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Priscilla Sandberg, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Paul Boothroyd, Ann Gibson, Brion Berghaus, and Paul Lesage

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Courville and John Brandon

Ellen made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 20th meeting. It was seconded by Paul B. and approved.

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th special meeting. After they were amended regarding a status report about historical marker development, Ellen made a new motion for approval that was seconded by Paul B. and approved.

CURRENT TOPICS

Mill Curfew Bell Update: Jack asked for discussion about whether the display of the bell should include the 43" wide wheel that held the ringing cord. [He then left the meeting; Priscilla assumed the Chair position.]. The consensus was not to display the wheel. Mark Enneguess will be the carpenter for the bell display table, which will be made of metal and wood.

Mill Marker dedication plans: Ellen gave a brief summary of program plans. When Jack returned from the Select Board meeting, he reported that they had approved a permit for the event.

FY21 Historical Markers: Ann proposed that future markers include the name of the wife, not just the male homeowner. She also proposed that a style sheet be developed for marker information. A subcommittee will be formed to discuss. Jack asked that Peg Brown be invited to participate on that subcommittee once a draft style sheet has been prepared.

Jack re-assumed the chair for further discussion of the topic and other matters. Marker candidates discussed included #12 Park Street and #7 Front Street. A homeowner plaque for #2 Louise Street was also mentioned. Ann is working with Jack on marker and plaque production at SignLogics.

Resource Notebook on MHC positions and procedures: Priscilla said there will be a few small changes and that she will send the final version to the Commission members prior to the June meeting.

Historically Significant Properties List update: Ellen will explore the history of #76 Great Road (a Smith family house?). There was discussion of candidates for both MACRIS and the HSP list. Ann will send the group an email of her lists so that decisions can be made at the June meeting.

NEW ITEMS

Mill Marker benches: Jack asked the DPW to place an order for two 150th anniversary benches to replace the worn ones next to the Mill panels. Funds will need to be encumbered to cover that expense.

Potential CPC projects for fall submission: Ellen and Paul have identified Glenwood Cemetery gravestones that need to be reset and/or cleaned. Ellen also said that additional projects need to be identified at our June meeting if they are planned for the coming year.

12:10 Whistle: Paul is concerned about where it will be located when the new fire station is built.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul B., seconded by Ellen and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: June 15, and September 21, 2021