

Local Historic District Committee Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2012

Members present: Ed Moll, Mary DeChillo, Dana Anderson, Jer Jurma, Sylvia Belkin

Others in Attendance: Robert Strong, Pete Kane, Susan Munafo

Meeting called to order at 7:10. Minutes approved.

Ed Moll, newly appointed member of the Committee introduced himself. He is a 27 year resident of Swampscott. A construction engineer, 60% of his work is in historic preservation.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of informing residents of Swampscott about what the Local Historic District is, why passage of the Historic District is so important and what it will mean to town residents. We need to educate town meeting members and encourage like-minded citizens to run for town meeting.

Dana reported on the necessary Inventory. Mass Historical has some of the inventory on line. Out of 500 inventoried buildings thus far, there are 26 inventories for the Olmsted District and Humphrey Street. Chris Skelley says that we absolutely do not have to have every building in the proposed LHD inventoried. Dana noted that it is very important to identify the critical houses. Ed said that he inventoried 127 schools in Boston. The challenge is doing the inventory! Dana will take a photographs of properties on Humphrey Street. Pete is establishing boundaries around the District. We will take a walk of the area at the next meeting, i.e., Claremont and the entrance to Swampscott. Sylvia volunteered to identify date built, current owner, from Patriot Property online.

How to do a Survey. Insert in water bills? Put it online? Sylvia will contact Neil DeChillo to tap on his expertise and learn about opinion survey methodology.

Jer has gotten touch with Katrina Powell and Laura Smith re: PR. He is talking to people regarding opening their homes for an educational get-together.

Rob Strong is drafting the Preliminary Report and has written the introduction to our Preliminary Study.

More on connecting with the community: Mary met with Tad Baker at Salem State (early American history) and history of architecture. Tad has interns who can help out. There are 56 business owners in the Lynn/Swampscott Chamber of Commerce. We need to reach out to them.

Ed is going to arrange for us to meet with the Salem Historic District Commission.

Next meeting will be on August 15, at which time we will walk Claremont Terrace and environs.

Submitted by Sylvia Belkin, Secretary