



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

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S. PETER KANE, TOWN PLANNER

JANUARY 16, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:13

Location: Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Mary DeChillo, Sylvia Belkin, Dana Anderson, Jer Jurma

Members Absent: Ed Moll

Others in Attendance: Justina Oliver (Historical Commission), Glenn Kessler (Board of Selectmen), Pete Kane (Town Planner)

Meeting commenced at 7:13 pm in the First Floor Conference Room, Town Hall.

Minutes for the December 5th meeting amended to reflect that Pete Kane was not in attendance.

There are 755 properties in the proposed Swampscott Local Historic District as put together and approved by the committee. Pete distributed a compilation of the street number, street name, year built, notice of inventory form where available, historic name of said property and architectural style. We need to fill in the blank spaces on this list.

There was lengthy discussion about where we are in the process of putting together our report for the MHC, holding public information meetings at private homes and public places and, finally, holding a public meeting as required, before the proposal is put before Town Meeting in May. The warrant article for town meeting needs to be submitted by the first Thursday of February. Our committee needs to set up the by-law with all details, including the requirements that the established LHD Commission will require: paint color? Retention of original windows? Etc. etc. After the by-law is drafted it needs to go to town counsel. But before we have house parties and write the by-law, we have to know what we are asking of residents, i.e. restricts, etc. We are behind schedule!!!

Should we consider holding a Special town meeting in the fall? Some committee members asked if it would benefit us to collect the 100 signatures required for a special town meeting. Would it make sense to hold public meetings rather than meetings in private homes? It was the consensus of the committee that we can do both.

The by-law needs to be written before we have the public meeting. We also need slides. Can't we use the sample by-law in the brochure published by MHC, it was asked? This was discussed. Agreed that the proposed by-law should be written in the same language as the one in the MHC booklet.

We need to have a strong presentation for May town meeting regardless of whether we are presenting a report or an Article for vote.

Committee members were asked to bring a list of people who will give a home presentation and the dates, because parties must be posted.

Pete reduced the questionnaire which is going out with the census at the end of this month. There was discussion about a change to the questionnaire so that responses could be as specific as possible regarding the downtown and the Olmsted area. The change was made per committee vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.

Minutes submitted by
Sylvia Belkin, Secretary