

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2012

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin, Merry Glosband, Jason Mahler, Jean Reardon, Richard Smith
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Duncan Maitland; Douglas Maitland; Mary Cassidy; Cyrus Moulton
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:06 PM
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	<p>\$204.62 in account.</p> <p>\$313.00 of outstanding accounts payable.</p> <p>Jean to report next meeting on status.</p>
<u>NEW MEMBER APPLICATION:</u>	<p>One application was received. Notice was posted on website and published in Swampscott Reporter. Susan will look into using the Town's email alert system to obtain more publicity for open position.</p> <p>The Commission discussed apparent confusion among the Board of Selectmen re: appropriate numbers of Alternate and Associate members. Town meeting voted to enact MGL Ch. 40 s. 8(d). Pursuant to State law, the Commission may appoint "such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require."</p>
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	<p>Preservation Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2012 with Selectmen. Publicity has included newspaper and public access advertising. The Commission has received no nominations to date. Susan will look into using the Town's email alert system to obtain nominations.</p> <p>The Commission discussed affirmatively nominating houses on Burrill Street (old church), 131 Walker Road and 251 Puritan Ave.</p>
<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY UPDATE:</u>	Sylvia was appointed as a Realtor representative to the LHD Committee. The Committee was limited to five people. First meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Town Hall (public meeting).

	<p>Committee may meet every other week.</p> <p>Bruce Paradise promised to donate \$5,000 to the Committee for the Committee's study. Susan spoke with Dave Castellarian as to status. Dave has not heard anything yet from Bruce. Sylvia will ask Rich to send a letter to Bruce updating him as to the formation of the Committee and requesting the promised funds.</p> <p>Sylvia will also call Tom Younger and Rich Malagrifa with respect to using Town funds for the Committee.</p> <p>Susan stated that the Committee should have its own website and a facebook page.</p>
<u>TRAIN STATION UPDATE:</u>	Nothing to report on status of RFP. Dave Castellarian has left numerous messages with MBTA and has not heard anything.
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT:</u>	<p>Susan suggested that a mission statement may be useful to define the Commission's goals and direction. Many other North Shore Historical Commissions have mission statements on their websites. Intent would be to educate the public and guide the Commission. Susan will send Commission examples from other towns. Various ideas were brainstormed. Merry will try to formulate the initial draft of the statement.</p>
<u>GOALS FOR FY 2012:</u>	<p>Susan suggested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve not only historic buildings, but explain to the public why preservation helps the Town. This is the 30th anniversary of the Historical Commission: highlights of the Commission's work include renovation of the Town Hall, establishment of the Olmstead District, and partial inventory of historic structures in town. We should do something in the fall to recognize and celebrate these accomplishments. 2. Forge and strengthen relationships with town staff, elected representatives, and press. Sylvia to head up PR and coordinate statements to the press, public. 3. Commission members will individually come up with additional goals before next meeting and discuss.
<u>TRAILS AND SAILS:</u>	Dates: Weekends of September 16 th and 23 rd .
<u>OLD/NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Movie is asking to paint the train station- three weeks to paint and rehab the exterior appearance. Commission discussed asking for new paint in existing color, new windows, landscaping, flashing

	<p>around the chimney, and a cash donation.</p> <p>Sylvia made a motion to approve new paint in existing color, new windows, landscaping, flashing around the chimney, and a cash donation, all with respect to the train station and give authority to Susan to negotiate on the Commission's behalf. Motion was passed unanimously.</p>
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler
Secretary