

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2012

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

2nd Floor Conference Room

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin; Justina Oliver; Jean Reardon; Jason Mahler; Richard Smith
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Duncan Maitland; Douglas Maitland
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:00 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Sylvia moved to accept the minutes of the Commission's meeting on November 13, 2012. Richard seconded this motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Jean reported that the Commission's funds are \$1,015.26.
<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STATUS:</u>	Sylvia reported that the LHD Committee is planning to organize house parties/gathering at homes in the Olmsted District so that historical preservation and, specifically, the establishment of a local historic district, can be discussed. In addition, the Committee will include a questionnaire on historic preservation issues with January water bills. Sylvia expressed that timing will be a challenge: the committee's proposal must be approved by the Selectmen (in January) and Mass Historic (in March) before it can go to Town Meeting (in May).
<u>GOALS:</u>	<p>Susan suggested that each Commission member take ownership to reach out to another town's historical commission to investigate how they are incorporated into their town's planning process, how the demolition delay process works, and any effective strategies they can recommend.</p> <p>Jay will review Swampscott's demolition delay bylaw</p>

	and suggest changes for discussion at our next meeting.
<u>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE UPDATE:</u>	Richard reported that the Committee is in process of updating the 1983 Open Space Plan and researching the current inventory of town-owned open spaces to establish policy goals and objectives.
<u>PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF 267-269 HUMPHREY STREET:</u>	Charles Patsios, property owner and demolition permit applicant, sold the property.
<u>PRESERVATION PROJECT FUND APPLICATION:</u>	Justina completed and submitted the application for a \$5,000 matching grant.
<u>OLMSTED DISTRICT SIGN:</u>	Susan reported that the Olmsted District sign (formerly) located at the corner of Paradise Road and Walker Road was found. It is currently being repaired by the DPW. The Commission discussed whether the color scheme for the sign should be changed to something more "period correct".
<u>53 PURITAN ROAD</u>	The Commission discussed proposed plans for the rehabilitation of 53 Puritan Road, which, at this point, do not involve demolition. The Commission discussed supporting the owner's plans as a means to encourage renovation (without demolition) and prevent further deterioration to the building.
<u>71 GREENWOOD AVE; STATUS UPDATE:</u>	To date, the property developer has not responded to the Commission's requests to discuss preservation of the property. The developer is due to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals on December 12, 2012.
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	The Commission discussed scheduling the preservation awards ceremony in May, which is "Preservation month". Susan will research the day(s) the Selectmen are scheduled to meet in May, as well as the date(s) for Town Meeting, and report back to the Commission.
<u>67 SALEM STREET: APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION PERMIT:</u>	Susan presented a recently received application for a demolition permit with respect to 67 Salem Street. The subject building is 1 and 1 half story house, dating to 1920. The Commission viewed photographs of the house, as well as location maps. The house was described as "mangled", with a large number of piecemeal changes to original historical and

	architectural features. After discussion, Jean moved that the Commission find that the building is not historically significant. Sylvia seconded. Richard recused himself from voting. The motion passed unanimously.
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	January 8, 2013
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler
Secretary