

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2013

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

2nd Floor Conference Room

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Susan Post Munafo; Sylvia Belkin; Justina Oliver; Jason Mahler; Richard Smith
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Katrina Powell; Jacqueline Thomson; Terry Date
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:06 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Sylvia moved to accept the minutes of the Commission's meeting on December 4, 2012. Richard seconded this motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Jean reported that the Commission's funds are currently \$1,015.26.
<u>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:</u>	Richard reported that the Committee is continuing the 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>TRAIN STATION:</u>	Susan Reported that per Tom Younger, the Train Station will be evaluated by the MBTA for a sale or possible long term lease to the Town. The MBTA should obtain an appraisal for the property by the end of January.
<u>CURRENT POLICE STATION BUILDING:</u>	The Commission discussed potential uses for the current police station building in the event the Town does not sell the property, including using part as a museum, visitor center, or chamber of commerce.
<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STATUS:</u>	Sylvia reported that she and the Committee attend a meeting of the Marblehead Historical Commission. The MHC provided advice as to the establishment and

	management of a historic district.
<u>PLANNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVISE BYLAWS:</u>	Jay volunteered to apply to become a member of this subcommittee.
<u>GREENWOOD AVENUE STATUS UPDATE:</u>	To date, the property developer has not responded to the Commission's requests to discuss preservation of the property. There is a hearing before the Land Court scheduled for December 5, 2012.
<u>CHANGES TO DEMOLITION DELAY BYLAW:</u>	The Commission discussed proposed changes to the Swampscott Demolition Delay Bylaw.
<u>PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF 267-269 HUMPHREY STREET:</u>	To date, the new owner of the property has not submitted anything to the Town with respect to development of the property.
<u>PRESERVATION PROJECT FUND APPLICATION:</u>	The Commission's Preservation Project Fund application was denied. The Commission will investigate other grants.
<u>SWAMPSCOTT CEMETERY AND ANDREWS CHAPEL:</u>	Susan volunteered to write a letter to the editor of the Swampscott Reporter thanking those that played a role in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's recommendation to include Swampscott Cemetery and Andrews Chapel on the National Register.
<u>53 PURITAN ROAD:</u>	Sylvia volunteered to write to the ZBA on behalf of the Commission with respect to the proposed plans for the rehabilitation of 53 Puritan Road, which, at this point, do not involve demolition. Sylvia will specifically address the historical significance of the property, and advocate for restoration.
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	February 5, 2013
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler
Secretary