

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

March 5, 2013

7:00 PM

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Susan Post Munafo; Jean Reardon; Justina Oliver; Jason Mahler; Richard Smith
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Douglas Maitland; Duncan Maitland
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	7:07 PM
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Jean moved to accept the minutes of the Commission's meeting on February 5, 2013 with minor edits. Richard seconded this motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Jean reported that the Commission's funds are currently \$815.26. (unchanged).
<u>LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE UPDATE:</u>	Sylvia submitted a report with respect to the Local Historic Committee's progress via email: There were +/-1000 responses to the survey distributed with the Town census. The Committee is continuing with inventory. The Committee will provide a report at the next Town Meeting, but will not present a bylaw for vote.
<u>FISH HOUSE SPEAKERS:</u>	The Fish House notified the Commission that they would like to sponsor a program at the Fish House for speakers to give lectures on Swampscott History.
<u>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE UPDATE:</u>	Richard reported that the Committee is close to formulating recommendations. Richard stated that an interest of the Committee is in protecting pathways that connect existing open space, including the rail trail. The Commission discussed posting official signs alerting the public to the location of public rights of way and paper streets throughout the Town.
<u>ZONING BYLAW REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE:</u>	Jay reported that the first meeting of the Subcommittee took place on February 13, 2013. The Subcommittee discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awnings in the B-1 District;</li><li>• Dimensional Requirements for Drive-Throughs;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor Signs; and</li> <li>• Site Plan Review Authority.</li> </ul>
<u>BUILDING UPDATES:</u>	<p>Building updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>71 Greenwood Avenue:</u> The spot zoning case is moving forward; to date, the Developer has not responded to the Historical Commission's requests to discuss the project.</li> <li>• <u>267-269 Humphrey Street:</u> The development application has been submitted to the ZBA; the plans have been revised from those presented to the Historical Commission. Among a number of changes, the proposed building is now larger. Richard will review the plans and formulate comments for the Commission's review.</li> <li>• <u>Train Depot:</u> No update.</li> <li>• <u>Old Senior Center:</u> Susan reported that a nonprofit is planning on leasing the building from the town, with plans to turn it into a community center.</li> </ul>
<u>CHANGES TO DEMOLITION DELAY BYLAW:</u>	<p>Susan reported that the Commission's recommended changes to the Demolition Delay Bylaw are in front of the Board of Selectmen for a vote to determine whether the changes will appear on the Warrant Article at Town Meeting.</p>
<u>PRESERVATION AWARDS:</u>	<p>The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 22. Nomination forms are on the Town's website. The Commission will send a press release to the local newspapers (print and online), and post copies in the Town Hall and library.</p>
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>	<p>April 2, 2013</p>
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	<p>8:48 PM</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Mahler  
Secretary