

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2013

(Draft of Minutes from meeting; to be approved/amended at next meeting)

Attendees: Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Elizabeth Knourenko, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry

Guests: Betsy Friedberg, Gretchen Schuler

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Informational presentation re: National Register of Historic Places by Betsy Friedberg (Mass. Historical Commission):

Betsy said that the expanded area proposed can be eligible, want to be sure what the most coherent area is. Betsy, Gretchen Schuler, and Elisa Scola did a driving tour of the area to be considered. This area includes Winthrop Rd up to Glezen Lane, and includes the Sandy Burr clubhouse, possibly the golf course. The golf course will be researched by Gretchen Schuler.

Betsy explained the history of the National Register, which began in the 1960's. It is a federal program and is part of the National Park Service. There are 4 criteria that eligible properties must meet one of (significant for history, people, architecture, or archaeological potential). It is an honorary designation, and is *not* the same as the local historic district. In proceeding with the process of being National Register eligible, there would be a public informational meeting with a speaker from the MHC, hosted by the WHC. It is a several step process. Gretchen Schuler would prepare information for the nomination process for the State Review Board (18-24 month time frame). MHC sends a letter to the property owners. If several people object, the process cannot go forward. Then the MHC sends the information to the National Park Service. Betsy handed out informational pieces re: the The National Register of Historic Places, the difference between the Local Historic District and the National Register District, and frequently asked questions.

4. Review of Application for Historic Home Plaque for 27 Concord Road: (Elisa) Approved

Discussion as to criteria for plaque and recommendation for placement on building

5. Decide and vote on WHC representative to CPC: Elisa was chosen unanimously

Suggestion to invite Tony Boschetto (new selectman) to a WHC meeting

6. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Brush Clearing Weekend is May 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>, with Friends of the Rail Trail. Event has been publicized through the school newsletters, e-blasts, Wayland E-News, and the Town Crier.

Three landfill containers are to be delivered and placed behind State Road Auto Body, the Depot, and the Freight House. 25 students came on WHS's community volunteer day, cut and piled brush by the Freight House and the Grout Heard House. Very effective and would have them back again.

John Moynihan told Rick that the DPW is looking for the clogged culvert pipe that caused the library flooding. John Dyer suggested DPW do periodic clearing, would need to convey where and how, so not to disrupt important features. NSTAR has hired Vegetation Control Services to do more trimming. Rick did a walk through in April with a person from VCS.

The Rail Trail Group wants to install signs that say "Site of Future Rail Trail." Don Ouellette has the signs.

#### 7. Wayland 375 Update:(John)

Cookbook is not yet out. The Opening Event is set for June 15<sup>th</sup> at Cochituate Ballfield. They are looking for volunteers. Contact Mary Antes if interested. Many things will be happening...Native American drumming, traditional dugout canoe building, tours, a barn dance, bonfire.

#### 8. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Greenways canoe landing site has significant erosion on bank, caused mainly by dogs going to the river. A retired men's organization put in water bars/steps with crushed stone.

The Archival project: discussion as to digitizing the archaeology lab, making sure everything is put into the data base. Access 2000 system is old, hard to utilize. Tonya suggested storing data in the Cloud. Need to set up system, so info can be accessed in the future, and maintained over time. Liz to ask what the options are for storage and ongoing access. The work should be done so that it is compatible with the Town web site.

Everything will need to be moved out of the archaeology lab, as the asbestos floor in the lab is going to be replaced (late June –late July).

There is a large pile of dirt from previous excavations piled up at the landfill. Discussion about possibly doing an archaeological screening activity as part of Wayland 375. Would be for a limited number of people, perhaps Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Would need supervision, screens and other tools.

#### 9. Review of Temporary Policy Committee's Sensitivity Map: (Sheila)

Sheila shared 3 maps of Wayland, each with a different focus (archaeology, historical landmarks, cultural resources). There would be an overlay of various layers. Need to come up with a form for new information, and present policy and maps to the Board of Selectmen

#### 10. Ceremonial Landscape Update: (Sheila)

Sheila saw items of interest at Greenways and verified photos of items with Doug Harris. Nancy McShea would be contacting Doug re: a study of the Loker Conservation land. Discussion as to

having a “hands-on site” for ceremonial landscapes, so that people are interested and aware. Other communities have done this in various ways.

The DPW proposal for a new building/location is back in the planning stages, money for an archaeological study has been approved.

11. New business and other items not identified prior to submission of the agenda:

The name of the WHS History Book prize winner has been decided by the WHS History Dept. The name will be announced at the WHS Awards Ceremony in June.

An individual called regarding the Old Stone Bridge: kids are playing on and fishing off of the bridge. This is a safety issue, based on previous engineering report. WHC (Liz) to give information to DPW. Elisa to follow up with Tom Sciacca. Framingham pulled out of helping with clean up at base of bridge with River Stewardship Grant. Rick had previously written a letter addressed to Mass. DOT, and given to Mike Lowery for review. Rick to follow up with Mike. Town has still not paid the engineering firm.

Historic Training Field: Elisa shared drawing for No Parking-Tow Zone signs that match historic marker signs. These would be white with green lettering, size 24” x16”. DPW will pay for 3 signs.

Elisa has been contacted by people about the Gate House on North Pond of Lake Cochituate. Discussion and question as to whether that was town or state property.

Sheila asked about stone walls on Old Conn Path, parts have been removed to make a driveway to a new house. Are these protected as historic? Sheila to ask Sarkis Sarkisian.

Next meeting: June 10, 2013 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June)

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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