

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2013

Attendees: Rick Conard, John Dyer, Liz Knourenko, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the January 12, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.

2. Public Comment:

John Dyer announced that Mary Antes is looking for a woman to take part in the Civics Bee in the beginning of March.

3. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya met with the potential intern (Audrey McCullough) and shared her resume with the Commission. She feels that the intern will work out well.

Report on progress of historical and archaeological study at site of new DPW access road: Tonya, Doug Harris, and Sheila walked the proposed DPW access road. They found more stone groupings, including a turtle effigy. At the Planning Board meeting, John Moynihan said there was no money to do an archaeology survey. There also may be issues with the Conservation Commission. It is a complicated issue. At the very least, there should be a surface archaeology survey done. Sheila is asking Doug Harris to come up with a proposal.

The archaeology lecture for Wayland 375 will be held on Saturday, October 19th at 2 PM in the Large Hearing Room. Jan Dunn, President of the Wayland Historical Society, said they will provide the refreshments. The title of the program is "Wayland Uncovered: Archaeological Evidence our First Residents."

Tonya attended the January 27th website meeting and reported that the website looks really good.

4. Report on progress of WHC Temporary Policy Committee:

The Policy subcommittee had a discussion regarding the wording to use for the sensitivity map. Brendan Decker can meet on 3/28/13. Sarkis Sarkisian, Town Planner, is going to have the town lawyer look at the proposed policy. Then the policy and the map will go to the other Boards for comment and review.

5. Ceremonial Landscapes Update: no update

6. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Rick has contacted the Rail Trail committee regarding the annual brush clearing, and has not yet heard back.

The Freight House is on the cover of The Town of Wayland Annual Report.

Rick will be giving a talk on March 24^t, for the Wayland Historical Society at the Grout Heard House. His talk will be about the railroad and the trolley.

7. CPA Update: (Liz)

CPA has not met since their last meeting.

Duncan Ritchie wants to bill in two stages (WARG collection inventory).

The old Cochituate School committee is going to Town Meeting to ask for CPC funds without going to CPC. They need to determine if the school building is historic, and cannot use CPC funds for alarms and sprinklers. The building was built in 1910, which meets the criteria of being over 100 years old. It is an important building, was saved and repurposed, and is architecturally significant. The Wayland Historical Committee moved, seconded, and voted unanimously that the Cochituate School be declared a historic building.

8. Cemeteries Update: (Elisa)

John Dyer spoke with Don Ouellette regarding the King Phillip's War Monument. Some work had been done. It was too small a scope of work to send out to bid. It needs to be included with larger cemetery scope of work to have the repair work done professionally.

Elisa will go back out and look at the monuments after the snow melts. Elisa met with the new Veteran's Affairs Director and will get flag holders for the graves.

WHC will put the following on the website: monuments, historic homes from Gretchen Schuler, abstracts for talks given by Rick and Tonya.

9. Wayland 375: (John)

Doug Harris will be coming to talk about King Phillip's War.

Discussion of giving a historic book award from WHC to a Junior with an interest in/love of local history, beginning with Wayland's 375th. Gretchen Ryder Sharry to contact people at the high school, and work out the specifics.

Progress on 375 is slow, but coming along: beginning and end bon fires planned, the cookbook has over 100 recipes submitted, and the committee is about to go out to businesses to raise money.

10. Historic Homes Update: (Elisa)

Mention of house at 30 Cochituate Road for Preservation Award. House was restored not renovated, article in Town Crier, lovingly restored and sold.

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

John brought up the Wayland Septage facility and question of identifying it as a historic site. When built it was deemed environmentally ahead of its time (early 1970's). WHC will invite

Werner Gossels to talk about it. There was also mention of the gravity aqueduct on the Natick/Wayland border.

Next meeting: March 11, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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