

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2013

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

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Due to several members of the Rail Trail Committee attending a meeting at Devens, it was proposed that the brush clearing weekend be moved to May 18th and 19th. Publicity has not yet been sent out. Gretchen Ryder Sharry offered to get the brush clearing info into the school newsletters.

This Wednesday, 25 WHS students will be volunteering at the Grout Heard House as part of a community service day. They will also help around the freight house and railroad track area. Rick will meet the students at the Grout Heard House, and they will work to clear out the coal pocket, drag brush into pile east of the freight house.

4. Wayland 375 Update: (John)

Program continues to take shape. Cookbook should be on sale by Mother's Day.

5. Historic Homes Update: (Elisa)

Gretchen Schuler has heard back from MHC, received permission for Historic District to be expanded for the National Register. Betty Friedberg from MHC is coming May 13th to walk the area. WHC will invite her to attend WHC meeting. Elisa will also invite Sarkis Sarkisian to attend. A public invitation will be extended when discussing the National Register requirements, at a later date. The town Historic District is different from the National Register District.

Forms completed by Gretchen Schuler re: historic homes are now on the WHC website. MaryAnn did a very nice job. You can click on a house and go to the information page. WHC proposes to do the same with the historic signs and monuments. Brendan Decker could coordinate the info with the maps/overlay.

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

Liz: CPC is still talking with D. Hamlin. Lee's Farm is officially divided into 2 parcels. The housing group is excited that the Cochituate Building apartments are considered historic.

Elisa: (following up on signs) To get nice signs from the maker of the Historic Homes signs, such as Historic Green, No Parking – Tow Zone would be \$75 per sign; would need to find money to pay for.

Sheila: (Ceremonial Landscape update) The Rec Dept-Loker Conservation Land survey was approved. The Recreation Dept is excited to work with WHC. There are state laws and standards that apply to archaeology. Ceremonial stone landscapes are not recognized by the state archaeologist at this time. Sheila to get Tonya's input and will need a plan. Plan should include a statement regarding sharing information in a responsible manner. Other questions include: where do we keep the information to keep it safe, when collecting data that is sensitive, how to save and protect area?

The new DPW building site did not pass at Town Meeting, so no money is needed for archaeological study.

Should WHC ask for CPC money, or ask for CPC money to study several sites?

Liz: CPC would need proposal of cost. Sheila will go to CPC to explain.

Rick asked if the document restoration was complete, including complete digital files. Elisa to follow up with Lois.

Sheila: (Temporary Policy Comm) Met with Brendan Decker, came up with a list of things/areas to be included on map. Need to sit down and brainstorm areas of historical importance to town, distance from these areas to be protected, if something/work is to be done in these zones need to take a closer look. WHC members can send ideas to Sheila to include for Temporary Policy Comm. Propose having a joint meeting with Historical Society and Historic District Commission.

Next meeting: May 13, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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