

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2013

Minutes from meeting as amended and approved at 9/9/13 meeting

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

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were approved, as amended.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Update on Stone's Bridge cleanup and safety: (Elisa)

In following up with Mike Lowery, regarding a letter drafted previously by Rick to the Mass. DOT requesting to have the bridge inspected and given to Mike for review, Mike Lowery said that the letter had never been sent. He will bring the letter/request up at their next meeting. Elisa will post the report from Structures North on the WHC website. Elisa spoke with Tom Sciacca regarding the brush cleaning at the base of the bridge. Wayland and Framingham have to work together to do the cleaning, as the bridge is jointly owned by the towns. Elisa will follow up and compose a letter. She will also bring this to CPC.

Sheila asked if Wayland had a town grant writer. The bridge has historical significance and it is expensive to repair. There was mention of the Sudbury Foundation which gives small grants.

Discussion of having an open meeting, specifically to discuss the bridge, the safety issues, and repair costs. Elisa will follow up in July.

Structures North has now been paid. Elisa to contact them with questions.

4. Railroad Update: (Rick)

The brush clearing weekend was very successful. Areas worked on include the stone wall adjacent to the Grout Heard House, used brush mower to the Sudbury line, excavated 12 linear feet inside the wall of the turntable.

DPW is still looking for the drain pipe with the clog and have dug test pits. Rick asked Don Ouellette about doing the mowing, and was told to contact him after Memorial Day. Larry Kiernan mentioned to Rick that the Friends of the Rail Trail could rent the brush mower again in the summer. Rick has marked off some of the sensitive areas.

NSTAR wants to remove the tree in front of the Depot. It has been trimmed in the past. Rick mentioned this to Marjorie Bastian, WHDC.

Rick has contacted Alf Berry (town surveyor) several time regarding marking the corners of the town owned property near the engine house and turn table. He spoke with Ellen Berkland (DCR Archaeologist) regarding the state of the survey and the bike path proposal. She said she would

get to see and make comments before anything is final. Rick will keep in contact and follow up with her.

Sheila mentioned that the boundaries could be put on the sensitivity map.

The Friends of the Rail Trail recently hosted a Boy Scout/Girl Scout bike ride event. Rick talked about the Freight House, etc., and the concrete cattle underpass under the railroad tracks west of Plain Rd near Rich Valley Rd.

5. Wayland 375 Update: (John)

John handed out the Circus ad flyer for the Opening Day events (June 15th). There will also be a Barn Dance and a bonfire for Wayland residents only. There are programs planned throughout the summer. The cookbook and the program book are delayed.

6. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

The asbestos removal in the archaeology lab will probably begin in late summer. There is no schedule yet from the contractor, and they have to do removal at Claypit Hill School first.

Tonya and Sheila met with Tony Boschetto. He wants town committees speaking with each other. Tonya gave Sheila and Tony a tour of the archaeology lab.

Tonya is trying to plan dates for sifting events at the landfill. Volunteers to supervise are not available until end of June. Tonya's talk on October 19th will be listed in the International Archaeology Day website.

7. Temporary Policy Committee Update: (Sheila)

Sheila sent out form to be looked at/commented on. Brendan Decker is looking for GIS points, need to go out and map. John Dyer mentioned that Brendan was giving a lecture in a few weeks. Question about getting GIS devices to use. SVT has GIS devices. Sheila asked if WHC members could take something of personal interest and try out using the form, giving a description.

Elisa mentioned that the budget has \$33 left. If anyone has receipts, they need to be turned in this month.

8. Ceremonial Landscapes Update: (Sheila)

Money was approved at the Selectman's meeting for study at the DPW site. John Moynihan said 3 bids are needed.

Nancy McShea has sent a request to Doug Harris re: a study proposal and quote to study 8.4 acres of Loker Conservation land.

Elisa mentioned that we need something in writing stating what a ceremonial landscape is. Discussion as to why ceremonial landscapes are coming up more frequently now: we are noticing and looking at the more marginalized areas.

9. New Business and other items not identified prior to submission of agenda:

There was an email from the Cochituate Village Apartments asking about being on the National Register.

Discussion about the mile marker across from the Wayland High School. Elise spoke with the father of the person who sold the property. The marker is on private property. Elise will send a letter to the property owner regarding the historic mile marker.

The Lake Cochituate Gate House Building is state owned. Elise to follow up.

Next meeting: September 9, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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