

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2013

Minutes (draft from meeting, to be approved and amended as needed at next meeting)

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

Guests: None

Meeting moved to Small Hearing Room. Sign posted on door.

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order. Moved to move into Executive Session to review and discuss Archaeological and Ceremonial Landscape survey of DPW site. Seconded and approved. Executive Session 7:40 PM-8:40 PM

1. Minutes of the October 21, 2013 meetings were approved, as amended.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Discuss debris removal from Old Stone Bridge:

Thanks to Mike Lowery for Stone Bridge cleanup efforts. There was a nice article and pictures in today's Wayland Town Crier. No heavy equipment was used. Cost was \$500. WHC voted to approve reimburse \$500 out of grant money. Remainder of grant money to be put towards bridge railings and other repairs. Suggested to Mike Lowery to put video and pictures on web site.

4. CPC Update:

WHC will make Stone Bridge preservation/repair a priority for CPC funds. Need two more estimates. Sheila to contact Historic Register people for names of people to contact for estimates. Estimates can be given based on studies already done.

Tonya will follow up with U Mass Boston person re: estimates for North Cemetery.

5. Wayland 375 Update:

Recent activities included an Open House at the Islamic Center, which was nicely done. The Edible Walk had about 40 people attend. The King Philip's War talk was very informative. The speaker was very good and has written two books on the subject. Interesting to note that King Philip's War has the highest fatality rate proportionately of all US wars.

Mass Memories will be here in early March. John and Elisa to work on this.

Discussion as to Cochituate Village signage. John and Gretchen shared information re: signage types and placement ideas, specific properties to mention. Discussion as to potential placement of signs/markers on private or public property. If on private property would need to ask owner, perhaps they would pay for sign/marker. John mentioned that someone else was looking into

signage at Cochituate Ballfield with its history. He also shared copies of old building photos and maps of the area in the 1800s.

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

Update on backfilling of the archaeology test pits: Tonya spoke with Don Ouelette re: the open pits. Don said that they could take care of it, using a piece of equipment called a "dingo" to fill them in.

Rick was forwarded an email which included information that the Friends of the Rail Trail had hired Beta Engineering to study the alignment of the trail alongside Wayland Depot. The Friends of the Rail Trail would be meeting on Saturday morning at 8:15 AM to discuss alternate ways the bike path could pass by the Depot. The WHC had not been notified of this meeting. Rick plans to attend the meeting. Elisa to notify Larry Kiernan re: notifying the WHC of meetings.

The WHC should be assertive about maintaining tracks near the turntable site/Railroad Interpretive site. Suggestion to have the trail go alongside the tracks, except where needed to be removed for crossing.

Sheila mentioned there is a Town by-law that states preserving cultural resources.

The CPC has asked for someone to write a letter to the Town Crier in support of preserving the Lincoln Rd fields. They would like the letter to be from an individual, not the WHC.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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