

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2014

Minutes as approved and amended as needed

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

Guests: Ira Montague, Planning Bd member

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

### 1. Discussion of proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw: (Ira Montague, Planning Bd)

There is interest on the Planning Bd in coming up with a Demolition Delay bylaw for Wayland. There is general support for a proposal, but they think that it should come from the Wayland Historical Commission. The Planning Bd would work with the WHC to write the proposed bylaw. It could link to houses that are already deemed historic. Discussion as to what is considered historic: 50 years, 75 years, 100 years?

Rick talked about previous Town Meeting Article (about 10 years ago), which did not pass. Every town surrounding Wayland has a demo delay bylaw. The WHC would like to see how these are written. Elisa asked for information regarding previous attempts in Wayland, and what other towns have as their by law. Ira will get this information for WHC. John suggested changing the wording of the bylaw title, as opposed to demolition delay. Ira suggested that the WHC write and present proposed wording to the Planning Bd, working toward the Fall 2014 Town Mtg. Rick mentioned that it would require extensive outreach to the community for support.

2. Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were approved, as amended.

3. Public Comment: None

### 4. Discussion of budget/prioritize needs: (Elisa)

Ideas include: money for historic home signs, display boxes for archaeological artifacts, buckets for archaeology digs, laptop computer and printer for lab, GPS camera, 375 sign(s), enclosure material for Freight House boards. Elisa suggested that individuals come back with prices for suggested areas.

### 5. Update on digitizing of public documents project:

The Library is following up on digitization. Documents will be available through the Library web site. WHC suggested having a link to the WHC website.

### 6. CPC update: (Elisa)

The warrant article for Town Meeting will include the Cochituate Apartments, First Parish, and Old North Cemetery (to include ground penetrating radar study, will not be doing test pits).

### 7. Old Stone Bridge, next steps: (Elisa)

Sheila was contacting the MHC. Elisa has name of person who repairs bridges, needs to get estimates. Framingham owns ½ of the bridge. Discussion re: bridge. Rick shared map/photos, whole bridge still exists, land has been washed away with river changing.

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

It was standing room only on January 5<sup>th</sup> for the Colonial Cooking presentation. Baking selections for tasting included apple pie, mince pie, election cake, and cider loaf. There are 2 publications available: Walking Tour book and the cookbook.

Upcoming events include a Chinese New Year celebration (Wayland High School), the Garden Club program-Gardening in the Colonial Era (Trinitarian Church) in January. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass Memories (Wayland Middle School):each person's history is part of the community's history.

John gave John Senchyshyn a copy of the letter WHC was planning to send to the Sudbury Historical Commission re: the Septage Facility Plaque. Elisa to send.

#### 9. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Suggested the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> for annual brush clearing. It will be the 13<sup>th</sup> annual event. Rick talked about comments to ENF (Environmental Notification Form), and passed around a copy of Gretchen Schuler's comments that listed specific items. The only way to see other comments is to go to the MEPA Office. Made case for preservation of rails.

John suggested having a display at the Library of pictures and artifacts (ex. glass insulators, railroad spikes). Moved and approved to allocate money to Rick to have railroad photos developed.

#### 10. Sensitivity Map:

If anyone has anything that should be marked on the map, let Sheila know. She is going to be meeting with Alf Berry.

John asked about the status of the DPW site. Barrier/fencing will be put in to keep things from moving. John Moynihan said construction won't start until at least the Spring. Sheila will be attending the meetings.

11. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)Tonya to check on October availability of Library showcase. She will ask Audrey to help with display.

12. New Business and other items not identified prior to submission of the agenda: None

Next Meeting: second Monday in February (February 10, 2014) at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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