

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2014

Minutes from meeting, approved and amended

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

Guests: Ira Montague, Planning Bd member

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

### 1. Sensitivity Map-continued discussion: (Sheila)

Sheila updated the WHC on the progress of the Sensitivity map project. Tonya has given Sheila a list of archaeological sites. Created an Excel spreadsheet, added ceremonial landscape places. The railroad complex is indicated in the PAL report on file. This should be a registered site. If not, need to fill out form to get it registered and send it in. We need to establish things/areas that are considered important and may need to be protected.

WHC members should give Sheila the following info: site name, address, reason to include on map. Sheila will be meeting with Brendan. The map will identify areas as “sensitive area” but not give specifics. WHC will have record of pertinent information.

Discussion including are we going to include all the historic homes, the training field, what other resources do we know? John mentioned that some roads have been realigned and would be important to note on map. Many old public buildings are on MACRIS. Suggestion to ask Brendan or Alf. Info may be on layered maps. (road changes, old houses, old farms, mills, ice houses, old schools). Tonya mentioned that Paul Gardescu had done research on the old schools in town several years ago. Historical Society may have this information.

2. Minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting were approved, as amended.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Discussion of possible Demolition Delay Bylaw and review of bylaws in neighboring towns:

Discussion as to length of delay, age of buildings covered ( 50 years, 75 years, 100 years?), why proposal failed several years ago. Suggestion to include the possibility of relocating buildings, concern about changing the character of a neighborhood, suggestion of looking at other options to make it more acceptable. Discussion to change name from “demolition delay” to include preservation wording. Rick suggested putting other town’s bylaws into a grid, to make it easier to compare. Need a “champion”/someone to educate and sell idea to the community...why important, before and after pictures. Gretchen Schuler would be great. “Lost Wayland” Houses that were moved and preserved. Talk to Ira Montague as he brought this to WHC last month.

5. Update on digitization of public documents project: (Elisa)

Leisha Simon (Wayland's IT person) is getting started on the project. Phase 2 will be web based portal for public access.

6. CPC update: (Elisa) Nothing new

7. Wayland 375 Update: (John)

Upcoming events include a talk on Wayland in the Civil War, Full Moon Walk at Sedgemoor Conservation Area (2/15), Then and Now: Farming in the Sudbury Valley talk (3/2), Mass Memories (3/8), Liberty and Music for All: Musicians of the Post Rd (3/14)

Possible signage: Lake Cochituate Gate House and where the Morrill House was located

8. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya has been asked to speak at the Peace Lutheran Church on February 20th at 12:30, brown bag lunch lecture. Similar presentation to one given for Wayland 375 earlier.

Another name suggested of a GPR Company is Topographics from Hudson, MA

Audrey, Royce, and Tonya met with the library regarding use of the exhibit space for October. All set to use for archaeology exhibit.

9. Historic Homes Update: No updates

10. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Draft copy has no mention of historic artifacts or archaeology. Conservation Commission does not need to do full environmental impact report. Rick has been communicating with them re: PAL document.

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

Letter to Sudbury Historical Commission has been sent

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Consider moving WHC meetings to first Wednesday of month to avoid conflict with other town committee meetings

Meeting adjourned: 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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