

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2014

Minutes: approved as amended to include votes taken

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

Joint Meeting with the Historical Society and Historic District Commission members

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

1. Public Comment: None

2. Introduction of members present of the Historical Society, Historic District Commission, and the Historical Commission

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

Joint discussion as to length of delay, age of buildings covered ( 50 years, 75 years, 100 years?), length of time for delay (3 months to one year/one year holds up in court), all demo delay bylaws are “home rule”-not legislative, question as to modern architecture that could be historically significant, proposed use of a better/less offending name, need to start educating public about interesting/historic buildings in town (past and present), could do as part of Wayland 375, possible ideas to include such as incentives and relocation. WHC to come up with a proposal.

4. Discussion of Railroad Bike Trail and Railroad Interpretive Site:

Joint discussion. Gretchen Schuler stated that the \$250,000 from Town Center developer must be used within two years of issuance of permit for Phase II. This has not happened yet. Sarki is working with Iron Horse re: stone dust trail. Elisa stated that we want to save/preserve whole rail. HDC (Gretchen) had a different understanding. Discussion re: trail being beside the rails/question of safety issues/artifacts need to be safeguarded. HDC only has jurisdiction over a small section. Suggested that Rick Conard and Sarki talk to discuss these specifics, as Rick is our railroad expert.

5. Other projects for joint discussion: (Sheila)

WHC has been working on a Sensitivity map. HS and HDC please let Sheila know if there are things you would like listed/included

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6. Minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting were approved as amended

7. Review of North Cemetery Warrant Article: (Elisa)

Voted on WHC support of CPA warrant article for \$15,000 Preservation Management Plan: approved 5-0-0

8. Discussion and Review of letter in support of First Parish Church warrant article: (Elisa)

Voted to approve WHC support of the CPC warrant for CPA funds for the First Parish Church,

5-0-0

9. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

1) Archaeology Month (October) speaker: Wayland's own Alf Berry talking about surveying archaeological sites in various places

2) PAL Report on WARG archival project: PAL report has arrived, does not have digital data, second bill to be submitted

3) Status of computer search for WARG lab: checked with IT ( Leisha Simon) and computers are not provided for Town Boards, but WARG has an office. Tonya was also told that the WARG lab/office is not wired. Town Bldg has wireless access. Tonya will look at computer prices for wireless laptop and report back.

DCR is going to re-pave overflow parking for Cochituate State Park. There is a registered site near that area. Conservation Comm stated there should be fencing around area with no more than a two foot margin.

10. Wayland 375 Update: (John)

Mass Memories Event is Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm at the Middle School

3/14 Liberty and Music for All, Musicians of the Post Rd. Other upcoming events include concert for Edmund Browns library, and a talk by Ken Sawyer

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

Sheila mentioned a call from a person from Metro West Tourism asking for information regarding Native American sites in town. The individual was contacting all Metro West towns for this information. Sheila advised the individual that Wayland would not be sharing this information due to state and local laws.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 10:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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