

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2014

Minutes: approved as amended

Attendees: Rick Conard, John Dyer, Tonya Largy, Mike Lowery, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry, Mike Lowry (Associate Member)

Guests: Duane Galbi, Gretchen Schuler

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

1. Minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting were approved as amended

2. Public Comment: Mike Lowery presented a gingerbread house model version of a Wayland fixer-upper house and accompanying music to 'Save This Old House' as an introduction to the proposed Demolition Bylaw discussion

3. Review Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw: (Elisa)

Suggested title of bylaw: Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings through Demolition Delay as opposed to Demolition Delay Bylaw. Discussion of draft and proposed wording changes made to draft of proposed bylaw. Elisa will make the proposed changes and review with Town Counsel, Planning Board, Building Commission. Proposal for 2016 Town Meeting. Need to plan for education of the public/story as to what Town has lost without a bylaw, find out number of demo permits issued in past years; old photos of before and after properties.

4. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Rick has copies of DCR report and a letter from Brauna Simon re rail trail site. There is a cursory cultural resource report, needs more information. Rick spoke with Sarkis and is waiting for report. The Town has hired a firm to do a study re: the railroad bridge. Suggested to apply to CPC for additional money to expand stone dust trail.

5. Archaeology Update/North Cemetery Project: (Tonya)

The GPR has been completed, report is in process. Invoice for work has been received. Conditions assessment/field work has been done. The report is not yet done. Dr. Trinkley wanted more information and sent a list of questions to the DPW. DPW personnel had problems with the process and the questions, as they felt they were condescending. There is no budget for care of North Cemetery. There is \$35,000 from CPC to pay for project. \$20,000 (2012 Town Meeting) does not mention a preservation management plan as part of project. The DPW had not been informed of the amount of DPW employee time that would be required. Elisa stated that a previous meeting with Don Oulette did include discussion of a preservation management plan. GPR was part of the new plan and continuation of old plan. Mike Lowery stated that the DPW was insulted by the tone and style of the questions submitted, and that we are spending money for particulars that were not approved at Town Meeting. DPW does not have additional grounds person to do work. There is not enough staff to get job done. WHC did

not know that a questionnaire was being sent. The DPW has fixed stones in the cemetery and never received credit for it. Discussion as to how to go forward from here.

Tonya suggested starting a "Friends of the North Cemetery" group (5013C group). She will share the idea with the Historical Society. Mike Lowery will go to Stubby and say that we would like to get this done when reasonable and recommended that future questionnaires come to the WHC first. Tonya and Elisa will meet with Stubby regarding this. The consultant can't bill on the conditions report until they receive the information. Mike L asked if the questions pertained to one section or the whole cemetery. Need to find out in order to answer the questions.

Tonya, Sheila, and Bill Sterling visited the proposed boat house site. The area is very disturbed. In 2005, U Mass-Amherst did a survey of the area, which was ordered by DOT. Tonya has a copy of the survey.

#### 6. Stone's Bridge Preservation Update: (Duane Galbi)

Duane mentioned that the CPA has a new form for application for funding. He has completed the form for funding to restore the first arch of Stone's Bridge (\$250,000.). Duane to email finished application to Elisa. He will keep Tom Sciacca informed of spring/summer clean-up project.

#### 7. CPC Update: (Elisa)

CPC to review application for Stone's Bridge. There will likely be a warrant article to restore WHC portion of funding that was taken out.

#### 8. Ceremonial Landscapes Update: None

#### 9. New business and other items not identified prior to submission of Agenda:

Septage facility plaque cannot be stored in the archaeology lab. John Senchyshyn said it had been removed and is now stored in a secure place.

Liz Knourenko needs to submit an official letter of resignation to the Selectmen-she is still considered a member.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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