

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minute – January 12, 2015

Wayland Town Building, 7:30 pm

Minutes: approved as amended

Attendees: Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry, Mike Lowry (Associate Member) Guests: Jennifer Koeller

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting were approved as amended

2. Public Comment: Comment made: “Wayland Historical Commission is awesome.”

3. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

The gravestone condition assessment is finished and the WHC has been billed. We have not received the report. The contract states a 1/31/15 deadline. Barbara Donohue would like an extension due to the amount of work--possible March deadline. WHC would like a letter regarding this. Discussion as to CPC funds and timing.

Question raised as to Rail Trail bike path going from Cow Commons to Town Center. Sheila talked to Sarki regarding archaeological monitoring, finding specific rock features, Native American artifacts and railroad artifacts. Discussion as to importance of “clinkers” and mile posts. WHC wants a monitor while trail is being built. Sheila offered to photograph RR artifacts/items/significant areas. Suggested a walk with Rick.

Tonya talked with Sherry Greenbaum and says ConComm is responsible for overseeing the project. Sheila suggested asking Sarkis to let us know what areas are being worked on and stages. Sheila will follow up, talk to Sarkis, and get back to WHC. Need to find out who is getting CPC funds and make sure there is archaeological monitoring. Dudley Woods request will have monitor included.

4. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Nothing new to update. Elisa mentioned CPC \$10,000 for monitoring.

5. CPC Update: (Elisa)

Projects requesting funds: Dudley Woods, Rail Trail/Bike Path already mentioned under previous updates

CPC suggested request for Stone’s Bridge to be for ½ of the Bridge to be repaired (up to \$480,000) as opposed to just the first arch. This will be brought up at Town Meeting. Discussion as to amending the request to be for ½ of the Bridge.

Motion made to support an article for \$480,000 to repair ½ of Stone’s Bridge comprised of 2 arches. Motion approved: 6 Yes, 0 No

Discussion regarding education of the public to include a series of articles and pictures in the Town Crier: oldest dry stone arch (non-masonry) bridge, the history of the bridge, technical part of building the bridge, grant written and used for clean-up in past years, put engineer's report on the website.

CPC will present an article at Town Meeting to re-set funds at correct percentages.

6. Ceremonial Landscape Update: (Sheila)

Sheila noticed specific rock article on walk at/near Cow Common. Wants to do a "walk over" at Dudley Woods with Tribal Preservation Officer. Will take photographs, decide if there are things of interest. If required, will ask for Ceremonial Landscape survey/mapping. Doing a "walk over" (having expert eyes saying need to look more in depth or it is not needed), will save the Town money. Sheila wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen re: the DPW site being a successful project of working together and the site had been protected.

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

John brought up the topic of "the soft side of history." Many organizations that impact the town appear and disappear. There should be a way to capture their place in the town's history. Some examples are: SOS, Spread the Bread, Angel network. Is there a way to track this? Do all of these organizations have to register with the town? Suggestions...having a form to include the name of the organization and the mission, talk to Kevin Delaney (WHS teacher) who coordinated the Wayland History project. John is in contact with Kevin.

Elisa brought up that the clock on the Community Methodist Church belongs to the Town and they are looking to get it repaired.

Question regarding the signage project and Wayland 375. John has talked to Mary Antes and 375 has no final financial report. He will follow through and it may be necessary to ask for CPC funding.

Last month Tonya lent Mike Lowery an Archaeology Report. Mike digitized it. Discussion regarding how and where to put it on the web site. Tonya will follow up with Mike and give to Maryann Dinapoli to link to WHC site. Discussion as to other articles that should be included and how to do it.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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