

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minute – February 23, 2015

Wayland Town Building, 7:30 pm

Minutes: approved as written

Attendees: Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry
Guests: Gretchen Schuler, Miriam Andrews, Barbara Donohue, Duane Galbi

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

1. Community Methodist Church Town Clock: (Miriam Andrews)

Miriam Andrews presented the history of the Cochituate Village Methodist Church Town Clock. The clock is in the bell tower of the Methodist Church, but is owned by the Town. In the past, up to 1985, monies had been appropriated by the Town of Wayland for repair and care of the clock. Town needs to maintain the clock. It has not been working for the past 35 years and is part of the Town's history and culture. Miriam had talked to Gretchen Schuler re: the clock and its history. Miriam would like WHC approval to ask for Community Preservation funds for the repair. The clock was installed in 1896 by the Howard Clock Company. Miriam called the Verdin Clock Company to get an estimate and report regarding repairs to the clock. Miriam shared the proposal by the Verdin Clock Company with the WHC. It is \$27,560 to fix and restore the clock and bell. WHC asked what is involved in on-going maintenance of the clock. Miriam shared a copy of the report with the WHC to read. Members will discuss and vote at next meeting. Gretchen Schuler mentioned that the CPA is not able to fund on-going maintenance. Question asked if the Church could fund the on-going maintenance after repair.

2. North Cemetery Update: (Barbara Donohue, Cultural Resource Consultant)

The research was finished today for the report. The rest of the project has been completed. The report includes conditions assessment (100 pages), GPS inventory, historic context, and recommendations. The report should be finished end of March to mid April. The maintenance report will be put together as a separate report. Discussion as to what happens after the report comes in. WHC will follow up. Tonya stated that Wayland needs a "Friends of the North Cemetery" group. She will work with the Historical Society on this idea.

Barbara was asked to be the speaker for Archaeology Month (October) about the cemetery. She said she would prefer to speak at the site, as opposed to in a room.

3. Minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were approved as amended

4. Stone's Bridge Update: (Gretchen Schuler)

There is a question regarding ownership of the Bridge from the CPC. If it is shared with Framingham, we need to get their approval. Gretchen Schuler sent an email to Alf Berry asking where the line is. Duane Galbi is thinking of going to a meeting in Framingham. The bridge is under DPW jurisdiction. It is presently treated/listed as a road. Suggestion to change it to a park designation. Elisa will contact Tom Siacca re: the name of Framingham contact person. Duane

thinks that Framingham may have given the bridge to Wayland. He needs to research further. He will continue to research potential sources of funding.

Elisa shared copy of a proposed article for the Town Crier re: Restoration of Stone's Bridge. Discussion and suggestions made to format of article.

5. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya needs to submit an idea for Wayland's speaker for Archaeology Month to be in the booklet. Agreed Barbara Donohue re: North Cemetery would be good. Tonya is donating her time for a talk with artifacts about Wayland's Native American Past to the Wayland Elementary School's Backpack Auction as a way of community outreach to families.

6. Technology Update: none

7. Ceremonial Landscape Update: (Sheila)

Sheila sent a spreadsheet to Brendan Decker re: information for the sensitivity map. He will create a map with parcel numbers and give to Sheila. Question, should wetlands be included? Discussion as to parameters. Include homes built before 1850 abutting Town property.

8. Railroad Update: (Rick)

No new information. Rick hasn't heard anything re: DCR.

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

John Dyer spoke with Kevin Delaney (WHS History teacher) re: the soft side of history. He said that the WHS History project is available and the WHC can put a link to it. Question asked about the 375 Mass Memories project. Can also put a link to that.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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