

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – April 15, 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
Guests: Miriam Andrews, Duane Galbi

Chairperson Elisa Scola called the meeting to order

1. Public Comment: None

2. Review of Maintenance Plan for Town Clock at Methodist Church: (Miriam Anderson)

Miriam contacted the Verdin Clock Company. They are the same company that services the clock at First Parish Church in Wayland. The Town Clock at the Methodist Church won't need maintenance for the first few years after repair. After that, it will need to be checked annually. The estimated cost is \$580 per year. It is in the Church archives that the Town would pay for the clock maintenance. There is preliminary work that needs to be done first-scraping, painting, etc. before repair can begin. Miriam has a contract from Verdin Clock Company that needs to be signed to have work done. Miriam spoke to the pastor regarding the Church contributing to help pay for on-going repairs. Sheila suggested getting photographs as a Town asset.

Motion made to support restoration of the Town Clock at the First Parish Church, with the contingency that a maintenance plan is in place and will be funded. Motion passed: 4 yes, 0 no

It was suggested to Miriam to go to the Fin Comm to get the maintenance of the clock back as line item.

3. Review of March 16, 2015 meeting minutes: approved as amended

4. Discussion of Dudley Woods: (Tonya)

Tonya suggested taking a look at the area. Sheila supports doing a walk through Dudley Woods. Previous stone groupings have been moved. Need to determine if a survey is needed. Ed Bell told Tonya that anything on town owned land would need a survey.

WHC needs to set up a time to bring proposed policy/procedure to Selectmen. Sheila has a proposed write up. WHC will discuss at May meeting.

5. Stone's Bridge Update: (Elisa)

The article passed at Town Meeting.

Elisa has a meeting with Nan Balmer, Town Administrator, who is writing a letter to the town of Framingham. Elisa has an application for the Mass Preservation Projects Fund, due May 15. We are requesting matching funds. It would also need to be signed by Framingham. Duane G offered to help write it. Rick mentioned that the funding application (for the Freight House

project) required having a Preservation Restriction, which would need to be voted on at Town Meeting. We may need to talk to the Town Attorney regarding the application. Elisa to ask Nan Balmer. Sheila will photograph bridge as repairs are being done.

6. North Cemetery Update: (Tonya)

Barbara Donohue and GPR expert are coming tomorrow to re-check some areas, at no cost to Town. It is a very complex area. Report will take time to complete. Tonya sent Jo Goesselt's (former resident of 61 Old Sudbury Rd) research to Barbara, which was helpful.

7. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya has made contact with Dr. Jerry Howard. He has a student who is interested in working on the collection. There are 4 shoeboxes of historic artifacts. Tonya suggested a meeting of Tonya, Dr. Howard, and the student. Student could possibly be Wayland's Archaeology Month speaker in 2016.

Tonya shared the write-up/abstract for this October's Archaeology Month speaker, Barbara Donohue, *Wayland's First Burial Ground-Your CPA money at work*. The talk will be Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 2-4 PM at the North Cemetery.

8. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Rick talked with Sarkis. Mass Historical interested in artifacts along the trail (sign posts, etc). Sheila offered to photograph pieces. Rick has identified May 9th as the date for the annual brush clearing.

CPC allocated \$10,000 for monitor as rail trail construction work is being done. Rick to write letter reminding rail trail group of archaeological monitor requirement, will work with Beth Doucette to complete paperwork for RFP archaeological monitor.

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

Sheila received draft memorandum of understanding from Tribal Historic Preservation Officers regarding indicated data points (GIS points) and confidentiality. Sheila has also spoken with the National Park Service regarding this.

Duane Galbi wants to research where the Knox Trail went, and possible sign for Stone's Bridge.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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