

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2015

Wayland Town Building, 7:30 pm

Minutes: (approved as amended)

Attendees: Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry

Guests: Brendan Decker (Wayland GIS Coordinator), Duane Galbi, Jennifer Koeller

Sheila Carel called the meeting to order, as asked by Chairperson Elisa Scola, due to delay in arrival. Chair of meeting handed back to Elisa, upon her arrival.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Review of sensitivity map with GIS Coordinator, BrendanDecker: (Sheila & Brendan)

WHC working on thoroughly and slowly, taking into consideration various rules and laws. Brendan shared a draft of Proposed Protocol for Procuring and Using Geographic Data for the town. Discussion included how and why it was created, who has access and rights to information. As GIS Coordinator, he or the person in his position needs to be able to say/document where the data came from. Discussion from WHC regarding certain sensitive parcels. MHC has registered archaeological numbers. Ceremonial landscape/tribal historic numbers have not yet been created-four tribes are in the process of working on that. Sheila has been in communication with Doug Harris regarding this. The tribes have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding to be considered by WHC, to protect sites. This proposed Memorandum of Understanding will need to go through Nan Balmer to Town Counsel. Sheila will share WHC comments with Doug Harris. Sheila will talk to Nan Balmer to get approval to share with Mark Lanza, Town attorney.

3. Review of April 15, 2015 meeting minutes: approved as amended

4. Discussion of Dudley Woods: (Tonya)

Tonya and Sheila did walk through, found area where gravel had been dug out by DPW years ago, an area with burned animal bones, and some disturbance. Sheila will invite Doug Harris to do ceremonial landscape walk over (cost: \$600). Park & Rec is beginning to plan trail map. Need to determine if an archaeological survey and/or monitor is needed.

Sheila asked about a fund being set aside so when projects come up, that could be used up front to fund study of area. Discussion/questions included: would it be a line item, who would have the authority, would need better idea of how much money is needed/dependent on size of parcel, how do other towns handle this? Sheila will check with Upton.

5. Discussion of Stone's Bridge: (Elisa)

Elisa got the MA Preservation grant application out by the deadline, had to do research as to the ownership of the bridge. WHC will know in July if we get the matching funds. Gretchen

Schuler was invaluable in getting the application done. Thank you to Gretchen! There will need to be a Preservation Restriction, which was not a problem.

Duane Galbi is working on making phone calls re: debris clean up. He reported that some large logs have come down, and the water level is dropping. Elisa stated that DPW (Mike Lowery) needs to be kept informed of every step. Also keep Tom Sciacca informed. Duane watched the DOT engineers do inspection. Report will be coming. Duane mentioned that Old Town Bridge had concrete injected into it to repair. Discussion by WHC that Old Stone Bridge needs to stay as a dry stone laid bridge to maintain historical integrity. He also stated that the engineer said the maple tree on the upstream side needs to go. Hopefully, this will be included in the report. Tree is on the Framingham side.

6. North Cemetery Update: (Tonya)

Barbara Donohue and Russ (GPR expert) have pinned out the corners of meeting houses. They had followed a pathway, wanted to figure out what it was. It is a very complex area. Tonya asked if we could get additional money for their additional time and data. They would need to submit a bill for additional time.

7. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya met with Dr. Jerry Howard and Sal DiMaio (grad student). They came up with a contract agreement for 18months. Artifacts will be returned to us. WHC needs to find a home for these items. Tonya noted a change to the April WHC Minutes: there are only 3 boxes of artifacts, not 4 boxes as originally stated.

Tonya mentioned that she got a 1925 book about William Ward rebound. An old Indian trail is on a map in the book.

Suggestion to put information on an informative sign.

8. Railroad Update: (Rick)

15 people showed up to help with the brush clearing. It was a busy weekend in town. Mark Shepard (Shep's Gas Station) helped out with a tractor. There was a slight issue as the former landfill operator is no longer working for the town. Rick had to go by and talk to landfill people. Bill Parker, landfill employee, personally delivered two containers. State Road Auto Body had moved stuff out of the way. Rick has written thank you letters to all involved. They cleared a lot of brush and dirt, made good progress. A suggestion was made to put stone between ties to keep out weeds and brush.

Rick to contact Larry Kiernan re: timeframe of railtrail work, need to contact archaeologist for monitoring during construction. Rick will also contact Sarki re: time frame. Suggestion to cover/bury rails instead of removing.

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

Elisa invited to be on Board of Directors of Historical Society

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 9:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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