

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2015

Wayland Town Building, 7:30 pm

Minutes: (draft from meeting to be approved and amended as needed at next meeting)

Attendees: Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Tonya Largy, Elisa Scola, Gretchen Ryder Sharry, Mike Lowery, Assoc. Member

Guests: Lisa Kra, Duane Galbi, Gretchen Schuler

1. Public Comment: None

2. Review of May 18, 2015 meeting minutes: approved as amended

John Dyer asked where the Indian Trail goes. Tonya explained.

3. Discussion of Glezen Lane-Alteration to a Scenic Rd: (Elisa)

There is concern from residents regarding proposed changes to Glezen Lane. Since it is designated as a Scenic Rd, it is being brought to the attention of the WHC to give an opinion. Funding (Article 15) was turned down at Town Meeting.

Lisa Kra spoke to the WHC, stating that residents are concerned with the the commuter traffic on Glezen Lane. She gave the history of the changes, including that there are speed bumps now, a lw suit with a legal judgement, neighbors have been lobbying with Town Selectmen, collecting data on traffic at specific times. The Fire Chief is concerned with safety and access due to speed bumps and access with proposed change at end of road. The Glezen Lane resident group would like to have all town committees weigh in. They feel that the Town Center is not the greatest traffic impact. Sheila asked what are the physical changes and how that impacts the Scenic Road, as that would be what WHC could consider. Discussion as to when Glezen Lane came into being. End is across from Cow Commons. Would need map to determine original road and changes, what is the earliest map on file. Alf Berry, Town Surveyor, has oldest maps of Town. WHC could offer an opinion to the Planning Board.

Motion made to write a letter to the Planning Board with a copy to the Board of Selectmen, stating that changes to Glezen Lane alter the character and historic use of the road. Letter would include mention of speed bumps. Vote: In favor: 6 (unanimous) Opposed: 0

4. Discussion of Stone's Bridge-MPPF Application: (Gretchen Schuler)

MHC sent letter to Nan Balmer stating that two things were missing from our grant application: (1) need Historic Register designation. This is now done. (2) need a "no ground disturbance" letter. Gretchen Schuler met with Tonya and shared a draft letter regarding this. Discussion as to letter wording. Letter to include best practice and use of archaeological monitor. Elisa and Tonya will both sign the letter. They will include Dept of Transportation bridge inspection condition report (Structures Inspection Field Report) that was just received.

Debris clean-up: (Duane Galbi)

Duane spoke to two companies re: clean-up. Prices are more expensive this year due to tree removal. Price estimates given were \$1000 and \$1500. Mike Lowery mentioned that the company needs to be insured to be able to do the work. WHC asked Duane if he had contacted the person who did the clean-up previously, Shawn Powers. Duane to contact Shawn Powers for a third estimate. Motion made to approve \$1000 for removal of debris at Stone's Bridge:

In favor: 6 (unanimous) Opposed: 0

Duane has spoken to Brian (Conservation Commission). Since the clean-up was approved last year, consider it approved this year. Also spoke to Brian Chase (Municipal Building Committee) and needs to get on their agenda for help with monitoring process of paperwork and getting best value for the money. WHC stated that work needs to be done in a historically appropriate way.

5. New Business and other items not identified prior to submission of Agenda: (Gretchen Schuler)

Gretchen Schuler learned that the Trinitarian Congregational Church was looking to tear down two buildings to expand their parking lot. These buildings have a historic place in Wayland's history. Discussion as to the buildings background and asking the Church to consider other options. Gretchen shared a copy of the letter she wrote and sent to the Church. Elisa will draft and send a letter from the WHC. Discussion as to wording of letter.

6. Discussion of Dudley Woods: (Sheila)

Doug Harris came Monday and walked part of the property in the pouring rain. He felt an archaeological survey needed to be done due to stone features seen. There is plenty of room to lay out walking paths. There is a nice working relationship with Park and Rec.

7. Discussion of Ceremonial Landscapes: (Sheila)

Memorandum of Understanding with NITHPO: Town Counsel made a few changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with Tribal Historic Preservation. Mike Lowery mentioned that WHC may have to have Executive Sessions to discuss specifics that come up under this agreement. Sheila will ask Town Counsel regarding this. Suggestion made to put Town Seal on top of Memorandum alongside the tribal seals.

Motion made to accept Memorandum of Understanding with Town Seal included:

In favor: 6 (unanimous) Opposed: 0

Study and mapping grant: Wayland is the first municipality working together with the tribes. Doug Harris has submitted a grant on how to work with municipalities to create a working model/mapping survey. If grant is approved with Wayland as the project municipality, would

need to get approval from various Town departments/boards who are in charge of the land. Sheila asked WHC for permission to begin conversations with various Town boards regarding this possible grant.

#### 8. North Cemetery Update: (Tonya)

Tonya shared invoice for additional time spent by Barbara Donohue and Russ In the amount of \$2540. This was discussed at the May meeting. Beth Doucette told Tonya to get approval from WHC to pay for additional time and information received outside the scope of the original contract.

Motion made to approve payment of invoiced \$2540 from Barbara Donohue.

In favor: 6 (unanimous) Opposed: 0

The report should be done at the end of the month. Tonya to follow up.

Sheila said that the town of Upton will be having Barbara Donohue work with them.

#### 9. Archaeology Update: (Tonya)

Tonya will be meeting with the family that won her Elementary Schools PTO Backpack Auction donation (tour of archaeology lab, local artifacts, etc) tomorrow afternoon.

#### 10. Railroad Update: (Rick)

Sarkis said that the Rail Trail is in a holding pattern on how to proceed. Alternatives are:

(1) hiring a design consultant, (2) using a design/build contract, (3) NSTAR wanted to do some work for Town, but haven't received anything in writing

Rail Trail needs direction from the Town. Money from Town Center has been received. Also, there is money from CPA Article which can be used for design.

Rick has copy of letter received from DCR which changed the scope of work-two step process/permitting. Phase I: Russell's crossing to Rte 27

Mike Lowery suggested sending copy of letter/packet to the Town Administrator and Town Planner and Larry Kiernan.

#### 11. New Business and other items not identifies prior to submission: (Mike Lowery)

The Board of Public Works is going to re-dedicate Mill Pond area. It will be designated as Adams Park due to a bequest. Would like to have a sign describing/noting the history of the location ( mill, ice house, Thomas Cakebread-miller). Suggested checking with the Historical Society for information. Traditionally signage in Town has been boulders with plaques. Mention of doing a GPR study and/or aerial survey of area.

Town is getting new GIS for public use. Ability to reference other informational has been requested. Mike Lowery will keep WHC updated.

Next Meeting: Will be in September 2015 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ryder Sharry

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