

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting minutes- November 5, 2015

Attendees: Elisa Scola (Chair), Tonya Largy, John Dyer, Rick Conard, Sheila Carel, Mike Lowery (associate member)

Guest: Karen Montague

Chair Elisa Scola called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. There were no public comments.
2. Meeting minutes for October 2015 were reviewed and accepted.
3. Dudley Woods Project: Mike Lowery requested a copy of the avoidance map for the Surface Water Quality Committee as there is interest in potentially putting a common leaching field on the land. Tonya Largy mentioned that before moving forward on putting in a leaching field, it is important that the Water Surface Quality Committee contact the Historical Commission as the state archaeologist has identified Dudley Woods as a sensitive area and has requested an archaeological survey of the area. Sheila mentioned the importance, moving forward of having all reports and maps delivered to and reviewed by the liaison from the Historical Commission on any project before providing deliverables on projects so as to avoid making sensitive information part of the public record. Once reviewed by the liaison, information can be made available to departments working on projects on Town owned land. John Dyer suggested providing the building inspector with a copy of the avoidance map as the trails project progresses. Sheila stated that the CSL report, due October 30, from Ceremonial Landscape Research, had not yet been submitted to the Historical Commission. Sheila and Tonya expressed concerns about the performance of the mapping team as it pertained to the research aspects of the project as well as contractual obligations. Sheila has asked for an executive session to discuss the findings once the report has been submitted.
4. Library: Mike Lowery spoke to the Commission about a nonbinding motion he planned to present at Town Meeting expressing an interest in maintaining the current library as the site for the Wayland Public Library due to its historical significance. The Wayland Public Library is the only Town owned building of historical significance that is still used for its intended purpose. Tonya Largy reported an archaeological survey was performed at the current library site before the existing addition was built. She stated there is no archaeological reason to block an addition to the existing library. Elisa Scola moved to support the resolution. Tonya Largy seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to support the resolution.
5. CPA funding: Elisa Scola asked for Commission input on projects of interest or concern which might require the need for CPA funds in the foreseeable future. Areas of concern identified were the following: North Cemetery, Stone's Bridge (for restoration of the remainder of the bridge), an archaeological excavation of the engine house at the railroad site and interpretive signs for other features, and interpretive signs for Dudley Woods.
6. North Cemetery: Tonya Largy reported the preservation plan, redacted to protect archaeologically sensitive information, is available for circulation. She and Elisa Scola will now go to the Board of Public Works to explain the study findings and recommendations. She also

reported that Barbara Donahue's talk is now available on YouTube. John Dyer suggested tasteful markers or signs be put in place to mark the sites of the first and second meeting houses. John Dyer proposed a motion to accept Barbara Donahue's report. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the report.

7. Railroad: Rick reported the events of a rail trail meeting he attended on November 3. He reported Eversource would like to control the construction base of the trail and if they do, the Town would not have to pay the cost of the construction of the base, but would still be responsible for the surface. He mentioned that Eversource would be ready to do the work next spring. He said that the TEC consultant proposed a layout with the trail running close to the Wayland Depot and would run parallel to the platform on the parking lot side of The Depot but would be directly in front of the entrance to the building. He said that Sarkis Sarkesian had asked for an on site meeting with various Town boards to further discuss the layout plans. He also mentioned that the Historic District Commission will be holding a hearing. Rick stated he prefers routing through the parking lot rather than outside of the door of the building. Rick has reached out to DCR's archaeologist, Ellen Berkland, to keep her apprised of developments.
8. Sensitivity Map: Sheila Carel asked that given information provided by Ed Bell, from MHC, that any ground disturbance planned on Town owned land is, by law, supposed to trigger an archaeological exam, if the WHC needs to revisit the sensitivity map protocol. She expressed concern that if the WHC provides a sensitivity map to departments and boards in town, they might then assume no archaeological exam is needed if the site does not appear as sensitive on the map. She suggested that the WHC maintain a sensitivity map for Commission use and that the Commission advise other boards, departments, and commissions of the state law mentioned by Ed Bell. Sheila Carel will try to locate the law to which Ed Bell referred so that the WHC can determine whether or not there is a need to amend the current version of the proposed protocol.
9. Historical Commission Representatives to PMBC: Mike Lowery provided clarification of the PMBC description that allows for non elected, but appointed officials on boards or commissions, who know the most about the subject matter of a project, and who can provide needed guidance for the project, to be appointed by the Selectmen to serve for that project.
10. New Business: John Dyer spoke of the need to organize our work to provide for "corporate memory" so that future members of the WHC can access the information acquired by current and past WHC members. It was mentioned that the inventory and archiving of important papers, a recent project, and the sensitivity map, are good starting points of this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Carel