

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting minutes- December 10, 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. CPA North Cemetery Monument Preservation.

Documents: Mike Lowery offered to digitize the report from 2003 .Mike Lowery requested a map of the cemetery be made available to the DPW. The redacted version of Barbara Donahue's report will be made available on line. Elisa Scola requested that the information be made available soon as she would like to have it on line before meeting with the CPC. Hard copies of the redacted report will be made available at the library and the Wayland Historical Society. A full version of the report will be kept with the Historical Commission in its archives and will be available to WHC commissioners.

Funds: Rick Conard asked whether travel and accommodation expenses for experts would be included in the money allocated for the project.

Restoration and preservation concerns: Tonya Largy expressed concern that the exfoliating of some of the older stones would result in the loss of information. Mike Lowery said that the "Bad Elf" GPS system could be used while documenting location of stones and their information as the GPS capabilities of that system are highly corrected.

Sheila Carel made a **motion to submit a request to CPC for the restoration of the stones at The North Cemetery. Tonya Largy seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to submit the request.**

Tonya Largy and Elisa Scola reported that they met with the BPW to discuss preservation priorities for the cemetery. The BPW has requested that the WHC prioritize the preservation concerns and suggestions outlined by the report. It was mentioned that there is no one person assigned to caring for the cemeteries, but rather the responsibility for cemetery care falls under the obligations of the BPW. Discussion regarding the use of de-icing products revealed that they may not be currently in use at the cemetery as was suggested by the report. Adequate parking was stated as more of a priority than the widening of the roads. Tonya Largy reported there are stones in the front wall that are collapsing and are in need of repair. The report suggests a certified stone mason be engaged to address the problem. John Dyer suggested the topic of signage at the cemetery should be studied, with the possibility of putting signs in the parking lot and using a system similar to that found in the conservation areas of Wayland. Discussion ensued

pertaining to the vaults, cleaning of stones, as recommended by Trinkly in the report, and orphaned stones. Mike Lowery shared that the Cemetery Commissioners are in charge of the stones and not the WHC. It was suggested that there is a need for communication between the WHC and the BPW about these concerns.

Elisa Scola suggested that given the long list of recommendations for restoration and preservation, the WHC prioritize the suggestions, 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest and that the Commission revisit the issue at a future meeting.

4. Demolition Delay Bylaw (DDB):

Elisa Scola reported that the Planning Board did not have time to discuss the DDB but will discuss it in a future meeting. She did meet with Jeff Larson, the Building Commissioner to obtain his feedback on the draft of the proposed bylaw. Elisa reported she will also bring the draft of the proposed bylaw to the BOS, Town Counsel, and Nan Balmer. The bylaw would concern all buildings over 100 years old and for historically significant places and/or structures. Before demolition could occur, all permits must be in place. Elisa Scola made a **motion to approve the bylaw for submission to Town Meeting dependant on Town Counsel input. John Dyer seconded the motion. The WHC voted unanimously to accept the motion.**

5. Dudley Woods

Sheila Carel reported that in undertaking research for the Dudley Woods project, she and Tonya Largy went to the Peabody in Andover and consequently learned from the director of the Peabody that the museum has in its collection pertinent information that falls under NAGPRA rules. The Peabody staff has alerted the appropriate Native American tribes according to protocol. Any forthcoming information from this source will have to come through the federally recognized tribes who are involved with the NAGPRA process.

Sheila mentioned that she is requesting an executive session with the Recreation Commission in order to discuss the findings from the Dudley Woods study.

The Commission discussed the technical report submitted by CLR. The Commission is asking CLR to make amendments and further clarifications in the report in order to meet the expectations set forth in the scope of work and contract. Sheila Carel will send a letter to Doug Harris requesting the changes.

6. Sensitivity Map

Given the late hour, it was decided that discussion of the sensitivity map would be put on January's agenda.

7. Railroad

Rick Conard explained that the revised plan of the rail trail has the trail going around the Depot. Rick reported that he spoke with Sarkis Sarkisian, who brought this plan before the BOS for approval. He reported tht the MBTA is asking for due diligence and licenses and then Eversource will be able to go before Conservation. Rick reported that Eversource will not build the trail west of Route 20, Great Meadows, but rather will be looking to build from Route 20 East to the Weston Town line. He reported that the surface for the trail is still unknown. He reported that the plan is still a concept and is not the final design. Per the current concept, the plan avoids the platform and leaves siding in place on the South side track, but that the trail will cross and call for the removal of the main line. Elisa Scola asked that those working on the project be reminded that the WHC would like them to avoid removing track by the turntable.

8. Unanticipated business

Tonya Largy reported she spoke with Brian Monahan and the oil drums located at Castle Hill will be removed. Tonya reported that the oil drum removal project would require a monitor.

Next meeting set for January 7.

Motions passed:

Approve the demolition delay bylaw for submission to Town Meeting dependant on Town Counsel input.

Submit a request to CPC for the restoration of the stones at The North Cemetery.

Elisa Scola called the meeting at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Carel