

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting minutes- January 7, 2016

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

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

1. There were no public comments.
2. Meeting minutes for December 2015 were reviewed and accepted.
3. CPA North Cemetery Monument Preservation.

Elisa Scola reported that the CPC approved \$70,000 for gravestone preservation at North Cemetery. It was suggested that we obtain an estimate for the repairs for the stone walls at the cemetery as well as an estimate for repairs at the Castlegate pillars, but that we may not have the time to do this before Town Meeting.

CPA Funding Town Clock: Discussion of the Town Clock Repairs at the Methodist Church. It was mentioned that there is a request for \$29,000 for the repairs for the clock for CPA funding. However, it was mentioned that information requested by the WHC pertaining to a maintenance plan had not been furnished to the Commission. Discussion ensued as to whose purview the maintenance falls under. Mike Lowery suggested that it may fall under the selectmen, who could then ask the WHC or facilities to take on overseeing maintenance. The other possible CPA funded project mentioned was Mainstone. **Elisa Scola made a motion to support the CPA request to restore the Town Clock at the Methodist church on the condition there is an agreement in place to assign responsibility and funds for a maintenance plan. John Dyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

4. Tonya Largy mentioned there are fragments of pre contact ceramics from one archaeological site in town and that we may need to hire someone to analyze and write a report on those artifacts. It was mentioned that money from the yearly \$1,000 allotment for the WHC can possibly be used for this purpose.
5. Discussion of the WHC space at the proposed Community Building at Town Center. It was decided that secure storage would be needed and the question came up about how much room there will be for exhibits. Elisa offered to reach out to Jean Milburne to get those answers.

Request for amendments for zoning and conservation clusters: Elisa offered to follow up to find out if Planning has included the Historical Commission in their changes as proposed by Sherre Greenbaume.

6. Library: Mike Lowery reported that a request has come in from the Library Board of Trustees to transfer the land over at the old DPW garage. He said it will be presented at the BPW meeting on the 8th of January. The question came up as to why the library is not part of the Historic District. Mike Lowery said he will follow up with the Historic District Commission to find out more information.
7. Demolition Delay Bylaw: Elisa Scola reported that to prepare for the warrant article regarding the demolition delay bylaw, she met with the BOS to obtain their input. The proposed plan is as follows: When someone submits plans to demolish a structure that is 100 years old or older, a meeting shall be held. The Building Commissioner will be asked to notify the WHC of all demolition permits. The chair will respond within 21 days and shall hold a hearing within 30 days of notification. Elisa will try to educate the public through outreach. It was mentioned that 149 towns in MA have demolition delay bylaws, including all neighboring towns.

8. Cultural Resource Policy Discussion. It was mentioned there is a need to protect sensitive information. Mike Lowery suggested that Boards and Commissions and Departments could be made aware that the policy would be in place for any projects that would disturb non disturbed land. Other factors included replacement or repairs of structures more than 100 years old as well as any ground disturbance within 100 feet of water. Upon notification, the WHC will review the project and determine whether or not there is a need for further action. Sheila and Tonya can meet with Stubby and Brian to make them aware of sensitive areas in town.
9. Mike Lowery suggested the redacted reports from the Cemetery studies be posted on line. Redacted reports will also be printed and placed in the library and at the Historical Society. Elisa Scola will write a press release for the paper.
10. Dudley Woods

Sheila Carel reported that CLR was in the process of responding to the December 15 letter asking for amendments.

11. Railroad

Rick Conard reported that he spoke with Ellen Berkland . The question was raised as to the availability of Alf Berry to mark and survey the Railroad site. Also, the question arose as to where to securely store any artifacts found during construction. It was also mentioned any found artifacts should be carefully labeled and identified.

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Elisa Scola made a motion to accept the minutes. Tonya Largy seconded the motion. All voted to accept the minutes.

Elisa Scola called the meeting at 9:20.

Recap of motions made at this meeting:

Support the CPA request to restore the Town Clock at the Methodist church on that condition there is an agreement in place to assign responsibility and funds for a maintenance plan.

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Carel of The Wayland Historical Commission.