

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2016

Attendees: Members: Elisa Scola (Chair), Tonya Largy, Sheila Carel, Rick Conard, Associate Member Mike Lowery

Chair Elisa Scola called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

1. There were no public comments.
2. Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw: There were so many articles submitted for Annual Town Meeting that the Selectmen want to reduce the number for the Warrant. The FinCom voted not to support the demo delay bylaw as drafted; they may have received some incorrect information and Elisa did not have an opportunity to attend the night the FinCom voted. Elisa suggests that we have a public forum to present and invite input, ideas and discussion from the public. Owners of older homes will be invited to attend. There are 197 houses in Wayland that are currently 100 or more years old. After discussion it was unanimously voted to support withdrawing the demolition delay bylaw article from Annual Town Meeting with the expectation that it will be resubmitted for Special Town Meeting in the Fall.
3. North Cemetery Gravestone Preservation: The reports by Barbara Donohue and Chicora Foundation for the Preservation Management Plan and Monument Treatment Proposal showing existing conditions and proposed treatment of gravestones in the Stoney Section were provided to MaryAnn DiNapoli for posting on the WHC's pages on the Town web site. CPC will sponsor this article requesting \$70,000 in CPA funding for this project at Annual Town Meeting.
4. Town Clock: This will be another CPC article for Annual Town Meeting. There is no maintenance plan yet, which was requested by WHC when we agreed to support the article.
5. Other Articles - Possible locations for Library: Tonya, Sheila, Royce Kahler and Alf Berry will walk the 202 Old Connecticut Path site (Greenways property) on Tuesday to check the possible archaeological sensitivity of the site.
6. Stone's Bridge: Elisa spoke to Ben Keefe about preparing a scope of work. Tonya attended a recent Permanent Municipal Building Committee meeting. Gretchen Schuler has submitted an application to MHC on Feb. 10 to have the bridge listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We will try to get letters of support from other Town boards and committees. Elisa and Gretchen are scheduled to meet March 9 with the Framingham Historical Commission to discuss the bridge and to solicit their support for their two arches of the bridge. It was voted unanimously to have the WHC support this National Register nomination.
7. Proposed Community Center at New Town Center: Elisa, Tonya and Sheila met with the architect regarding display and storage space for WHC inside the building.
8. Cultural Resource Policy: Sheila presented a 3-page handout that was reviewed for suggested changes. We are asking for collaboration with other Town boards and committees, and we will plan to meet with them starting in May. We believe this document is close to being finalized.

9. North Cemetery Preservation Plan Priorities: Tonya requested that someone else assist with reviewing proposed priorities and Elisa offered to help with this.
10. Archaeology Update: The gift of an artifact collection from SUASCO was accepted by Tonya; it can be used to introduce young children to archaeology. A report on the Sand Hill site is still in the process of being prepared. Duncan Richie is the principal investigator. Royce Kahler is assisting with a map. CLR did more work on their Dudley Woods report to include more detail. It was agreed to finalize the report and authorize final payment.
11. Railroad Site: Rick reported information he had received from Sarki on the status of the rail trail design. Eversource received a permit from the MBTA to access the site and they have been busy on site delineating wetlands and doing survey work. Eversource will prepare plans to submit to the Town. The Town is responsible for the road crossings and trail surface. Sarki expects to have a public meeting in the Spring to update everyone on the status of the project. PAL will make a presentation on March 17 on their excavation of the railroad engine terminal in Salem for the MBTA several years ago; this is a much larger site than the Wayland railroad enginehouse site. It was agreed to sponsor our annual volunteer brush clearing along the railroad at Wayland Depot over the weekend of May 7-8.
12. The minutes of our Jan. 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

Our next meeting was scheduled for March 14 [this was subsequently changed to March 15].

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Conard