

## Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2016

Attendees: Members: Elisa Scola (Chair), Tonya Largy, John Dyer, Rick Conard, Mike Lowery

Chair Elisa Scola called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.

1. There were no public comments.
2. Railroad Historic Site: At our volunteer brush clearing on May 7-8 we had ten volunteers on Saturday and seven on Sunday. The foundations of the enginehouse and water tank were cleared of brush and some additional excavation of the turntable pit was accomplished. Tracks that are to be preserved after rail trail construction were also cleared of brush. The Wayland Transfer Station provided containers for brush and dirt, thanks to Mariann Maloney and Bill Parker. It was voted to reimburse Rick Conard for \$36.33 for lunch for the volunteers on Saturday.
3. Stone's Bridge: Elisa said that she had received two proposals from Ben Keefe in response to the request for firms to perform design work. She will meet with Ben and the PMBC next week to discuss and review these. Elisa will send copies of the proposals to other members of the WHC for review. She has not heard from MHC regarding the MPPF grant application.
4. Historic Signs at Recreation Sites: Mike Lowery discussed suggestions for signs as the result of an idea that he had at an open space planning meeting that he had attended recently. He showed some examples of sign designs made by Pannier Graphics. A standard style of sign would be desirable with WHC name at the bottom. John Dyer discussed some ideas for signs that had been proposed from Wayland 375. John mentioned that some funds that had been collected for a publication that was not published could possibly be used for signs. Locations could be at the Cochituate ballfield, Mansion Inn site, shoe factories, and railroad interpretive site. John suggests that people come up with ideas for new historic signs. Mike Lowery suggested sharing such a list with those working on the open space planning project.
5. North Cemetery Preservation Plan priorities: We reviewed a listing of 15 items that had been selected from the report. In many cases it was difficult to determine priorities and feasibility without knowing more about current cemetery procedures and practices. Mike Lowery suggested a dialogue with Mike Lindeman, foreman at the DPW. We will schedule a meeting with the DPW to discuss the list of possible recommendations. Ben Keefe will prepare an RFP for gravestone conservation for the CPA funds that were approved at Town Meeting.
6. Archaeology Update: Tonya reported that our Archaeology Month event will be on Oct. 15 at 2PM. Salvatore L. DeMaio, University of Mass., Boston, will give a program entitled "Sudbury Plantation: A Puritan History Not Fully Recorded." We need a monitor for the Dudley Woods project. Royce Kahler and Tonya went through the Archaeology Lab and found some artifacts that had been gathered in the mid-1980s at the Kaprelian Orchard & Egg Farm by Karen Langthorne, a member of WARG and the WHC at that time. Tonya expressed a desire to return these artifacts to Natick by transferring them to the Natick Historical Society in South Natick. There are 34 items of pieces of dishes, cups, glass, etc. It was voted (3 for, one abstention) to transfer these items to the Natick Historical Society. A

fence on Lakeshore Drive between Mansion Road and Simpson Road (on the lake side) will be replaced. Tonya and Mike will monitor this project while the contractor is working.

7. The minutes of the April 13 meeting were approved.
8. New Business and Other Items: Elisa sent a notice to the Town Crier that we have a vacancy on our Commission.

Our next meeting was scheduled for sometime in June at a date to be determined [this was subsequently changed to June 1].

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Conard