

**TOWN OF WAYLAND – Historical Commission**  
**June 13, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Elisa Scola (Chair), Amanda Ciaccio, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Ann Gordon, Tonya Largy, Kay Westcott; Guests: Gretchen Schuler, Peter Hoge and Mindy Hoge

Chair Elisa Scola called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Selectmen's Hearing Room in the Town Building.

**Update on Stone Bridge Project**

- The PMBC is in charge of the Stone Bridge project; Tonya and Elisa serve on that committee
- Town Meeting approved approximately \$500K to go toward the repair and maintenance of the bridge, and the PMBC is in charge of the project because they have engineers
- The engineering report was completed and the project was put out to bid
- However, PMBC decided to do the permitting themselves, thinking it will be faster and less expensive. They pulled the bid and will re-issue it after the permitting.
- The project will start with stabilizing the base of each arch
- The money currently allotted is expected to cover two arches (or an arch-and-a-half) and then an additional request will need to come before Town Meeting
- Framingham also owns part of the bridge and they will have to get involved if the whole bridge is to be preserved
- Peter and Mindy Hoge asked about the status of the house next to the Stone Bridge that is owned by Conservation, and expressed their support for the bridge's upkeep

**Update on North and South Cemetery restoration projects**

- The first Invoice from Monument Conservation was presented for Task 1 and 2
- The invoice requests payment of 20% of the contract price, or \$11,360
- The committee voted unanimously to pay the invoice

**Town Record preservation project on line**

- Paper records were preserved in our vault in the Town Building a number of years ago, including Town Meeting minutes from 1780-1990, vital records to 1850, etc.
- A list of documents is attached to these minutes
- We have digital copies and had intended to make them available online, but

haven't yet

- Rick and Tonya have resurrected the discussion with Town Clerk Beth Klein about doing so
- Beth wonders if there is funding to hire an indexer; because these records are scanned, they are not easily searchable
- It was also suggested that when we do post our records, we include a link to Sudbury's online records since our early history is shared
- The WHC agreed that we'd like to put the information online now rather than wait to get it indexed
- Kay will spearhead this with Beth Klein and speak with Beth about getting these records on the Town and Library website, and we will help her look for funding for someone to make them searchable – perhaps an archivist or a researcher

### **Update on CPC projects**

#### **Castle Gate Pillars**

- Elisa reported that Mike Lowery requested \$12K from the CPC to restore the Castle Gate Pillars and to move them slightly so they are out of harm's way
- Committee members expressed concern that moving them will disrupt the historic integrity of the site
- If the problem is snow plows coming too close and harming them, moving them may only allow the snow plows to widen their path and still harm them
- Could some sort of barrier work better to protect the pillars?
- This would change the look of the pillars and surroundings, but perhaps not as much as moving the pillars
- We could also add historical signage to help drivers and others understand that it is a place of historic significance
- The WHC agreed that it is opposed to moving the pillars and Elisa will communicate this to Mike Lowery

#### **Wall at North Cemetery**

- DPW Director Tom Holder said they may request money from CPC to repair the retaining wall that runs along Route 27 in front of the cemetery
- Stones are falling and being put back in/on the wall but not in an effective or professional way
- DPW will get an estimate on professional repair and we would request the money from CPC

#### **Discussion of Gardescu commemorative bench**

- Using an existing bench is not a sufficient tribute and does not add value
- We haven't yet found the right site, and we need to identify more options

- Rocky Pt, Dudley Woods, Mill Pond and Oxbow Meadows where they are putting in a new field are all possibilities
- We will look at and evaluate these sites to discuss at our July meeting

### **Update on Archaeology**

#### **Dorey House Archaeology Survey**

- UMass is scheduled to do an excavation at the Dorey House
- They sent a supply list, and Amanda researched the items and filled in estimates for some items that did not have costs listed
- Their known costs were \$591 plus shipping, and Amanda's added estimates brought the total to \$952, but this still lacks sufficient information in some cases, such as number of items required
- There were also tasks on the list that Amanda and Tonya agreed not to do
- Tonya suggests a meeting with UMass people to walk over the property and hammer out details
- Tom Holder will work with WHC and our needs in terms of the demolition schedule
- Elisa has asked if we can get inside the Dorey House before it is demolished to document what is there
- It is condemned and possibly not accessible because the flooring is compromised
- Woody Baston will get back to Elisa about whether or not this is possible

#### **Transfer Station Sifting Project**

- We need buckets for the sifting project this weekend
- We have \$172 left for this fiscal year, can get buckets at Home Depot and other equipment we need
- Motion to use \$172 on equipment for archaeology digs passed unanimously
- Rain is forecast for Saturday morning, if it is actively raining it will be canceled
- Two people have expressed interest in coming in addition to Tonya and Amanda and Royce; committee members are encouraged to stop by.

### **First High School Preservation Restriction**

- Gretchen Schuler presented an update on this project
- The Town will ask the Trinitarian Congregational Church (TCC) to enter into a Preservation Restriction as a condition of receiving funds (\$80K) to refurbish and replace the windows on Bradford Hall
- It is a 30-year restriction, not in perpetuity. The windows will not last the life of the building, so this seemed appropriate and recommended by the CPC
- The church wants to use aluminum clad muntons because maintenance is cheaper; the CPC agreed to a compromise: the windows that face the road will

have wood muntons to preserve the historic look

- The CPC is waiting to hear from Town Council on the grant agreement and the Preservation Restriction; TCC had also not yet commented on the draft

### **Update on Railroad and Rail Trail**

- Eversource will be putting the project out to bid soon
- Construction between Concord Rd. in Wayland and Weston-Waltham town line will begin this summer
- On June 5 Rick attended a meeting with members of Weston Historical Commission with VHB and Eversource to discuss artifacts along the way
- VHB and Eversource had prepared a more detailed set of plans that identified the features, whistle posts, ring posts, electrical box, rail rest post, etc. marked on the plans
- They may not save the broken posts on the ground; we may want to do this ourselves before their work begins. These include whistleposts and rail rest posts.
- Rick will do some onsite monitoring when they begin the work
- Cattle passes: Repair work could be in \$5-10K range
- Rick will pursue an estimate on the work from John Wathne, who did the engineering report for Stones Bridge
- Gretchen suggests we write to the Selectmen that this work is imperative to be done while Eversource is doing its work
- DCR will pay for guard rails at cattle passes and we will not have any say in design

### **Telegraph Pole**

- The telegraph pole west of The Depot fell; the bottom was rotted
- DPW moved it off the trail
- Should we cut off the rotted part and reinstall it?
- Could we find someone who can evaluate this and other artifacts along the trail and give us an estimate on preserving them all?

### **Discussion of Demolition Delay Bylaw**

- Do we want to submit our article for November Town Meeting?
- Articles due by Aug. 3
- Chris Skelly from Mass Historical Commission may come to our next meeting to help us think about this

### **Update on WHC budget**

- We have \$172 in one fund, and in another fund we have \$4,196.15
- \$2,500 was for Stones Bridge cleanup: we spent \$500 on first cleaning, and second cleaning was \$900. That leaves about \$1,100.

#### **WHC Chair**

- Elisa would like to step down as chair
- Motion: Create a vice-chair position to learn from and assist the chair, and transition to chair
- The motion passed unanimously
- Kay Gardner-Westcott will fill this role

#### **Review of May 2017 minutes**

- Amended and approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gordon

## Acknowledgement of Returned Material(s)

Client Name: Town of Wayland

10.291 B&I

Job No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Received the following item(s) from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

- Before Conservation Treatment
- After Conservation Treatment
- Before preservation microfilming/photoduplication
- After preservation microfilming/photoduplication

6 record books + 15 previous bindings:

- 8) Town Meeting Minutes 1788-1817
- 9) Vol. 2 Town Meeting Minutes 1812-1853
- 10) Vol. 3 Town Meeting Minutes 1854-1882
- 11) Vol. 4 Town Meeting Minutes 1883-1901
- 12) Vol. 5 Town Meeting Minutes 1901-1919
- 14) Militia Roll 1874-1878 (in original binding)

- 23) Wayland Vital Records to 1850
- 24) Index Book No. 3, Births 1796-1844
- 25) Index Book No. 3 Marriage Intentions
- 26) Index Book No. 3 Deaths 1796-1844
- 27) Index to Deaths 1843-1860
- 28) Marriages Book 3 No. 1 1843-60, 1796-1814
- 29) Book No. 3 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- 30) Sudbury Records Vol. 1 1676-1729

Received by:

Lois M. Toomey

Date:

Jan. 18, 2013 TOWN CLERK

- 31) Births, Marriages, Deaths, Acrect No. 1

Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810

17) Chattel Mortgages/Perambulations  
Writs of Attachment Militia Rosters

Removal BY NEDCC (JONATHAN) 8-2-12

**EXHIBIT B: LIST OF TOWN OF WAYLAND ITEMS/COLLECTIONS**

Item ID	Description	Removed	Returned
10-01	Soldiers/Officers 1861 Rebellion <i>UNRECORDED</i>	1-23-12	9-26-12
10-02	Volume 1, Wayland Town Meeting Minutes 1780-1817	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-03	Volume 2, Wayland Town Meeting Minutes 1817-1853	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-04	Volume 3, Wayland Town Meeting Minutes 1854-1882	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-05	Volume 4, Wayland Town Meeting Minutes 1883-1901	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-06	Volume 5, Wayland Town Meeting Minutes 1901-1919	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-07	X Wayland Vital Records to 1850	8-2-12	1-18-12
10-08	X Marriages Book 3 No. 1, 1843-1860 + 1796-1844 each	8-2-12	1-18-12
*10-09	1130 Manuscript docs/Photostats 1868-1925 Births <sup>1925</sup>	NEDC 1-23-12	returned 6-6-12
*10-10	1800 Manuscript docs 1785-1933 Marriages <sup>1933</sup>	1-23-12	6-6-12
*10-11	1350 Manuscript docs 1800-1925 Deaths <sup>1925</sup>	1-23-12	6-6-12
10-12	X Index to Deaths 1843-1860 each	8-2-12	1-18-12
10-13	Index Book 3, Deaths 1796-1844 each	8-2-12	1-18-12
*10-14	Road Book 1683-1909	1-23-12	9-26-12
*10-15	Militia Roll 1874-1878	<del>1-23-12</del>	<del>9-26-12</del>
10-16-A	(Bound in one volume; to remain bound in one volume): Militia Rosters 1840-1873; Chattel Mortgages 1843-1859; Perambulations of Town Lines 1839-1864; Writs of Attachment 1842-1865	8-2-12	
*10-17	Sudbury Records 1638-1703, Volume 1 each	1-23-12	9-26-12
*10-18	Sudbury Records 1703-1733, Volume 2 each	1-23-12	9-26-12
10-19	Sudbury, Volume 1 1676-1779 B/M/D	8-2-12	1-18-12
*10-20	Sudbury Records 1733-1760, Volume 3 each	1-23-12	9-26-12
10-21	Sudbury PCT 1, B/M/D 1753-1844	8-2-12	1-18-13

Ring binder w/ ~~the~~ <sup>marriage</sup> documents (flat) picked up on 6/6/12 + returned 8-2-12

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10-22	✓ Book 3, B/D/M 1796-1844 E. Sudbury	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-23	✓ Index Book 3, Marriage Intentions each	8-2-12	1-18-13
10-24	✓ Index Book 3, Births 1796-1844 each	8-2-12	1-18-13