

Wayland Historical Commission
October 10, 2017

Planning Board Meeting Room, Wayland Town Building

Present: Elisa Scola, Amanda Ciaccio, Rick Conard, John Dyer, Ann Gordon, Tonya Largy

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

North and South Cemetery Update

- Ann Gordon has not yet checked on the North Cemetery work to verify the third and final phase of repair and restoration by Monument Conservation. She will do that soon
- A motion was made to approve payment of the October invoice in the amount of \$5,453.00, on condition that Ann checks the work and verifies to Elisa that it is completed. Unanimously passed.
- Ann has inspected and approved the restoration work in the South Cemetery.
- A motion was made to recommend payment of the South Cemetery invoice of \$4,400 by the DPW, which agreed to pay for this work. Unanimously passed.
- Total cost of the restoration work in the North and South cemeteries is \$38,480.
- The loose footstones in the South Cemetery cannot easily be identified. Most do not have markings on them, although one slate footstone does. Amanda will do some research on cemetery records.

Digital Records Online

- No update on this issue this month.

Railroad and Rail Trail Cattle Passes

- Rick found the plans used for bidding are on the Weston Town website.
- Lawrence Lynch has been selected by Eversource to do the work.
- Sarkis Sarkisian and Paul Penfield (Weston Rail Trail Advisory Committee) went to a meeting in Weston last week to make sure that historical artifacts will be identified before mowing.
- Eversource has hired PAL as the cultural resource firm for this project.
- Tomorrow Rick will meet them and walk the right of way, with Sarkis, Paul Penfield, and Suzanne Cherau from PAL, and possibly someone from Eversource. The group will identify the artifacts and discuss their disposition.
- Rick cleared brush recently from the area, and especially around the ring post.
- Cattle pass: Sarkis has indicated the Town has applied to DCR for a grant for continuation of the trail west of Rt. 20 including the trestle. DCR would pay \$80K and the Town's share would be \$20K, if the grant is awarded.

- Other funding has not been sought for restoration of the cattle pass, pending the outcome of the grant application.

Archaeology

- Setup for the Sat., Oct. 21 event will be on Friday afternoon in the Large Hearing Room
- Royce has been working on a template of the site to show where the artifacts came from, to include in the report
- Photos are done and already sent to John Pretola, who will use them in his presentation
- We may want to consider putting some of the photos and part or all of the report on the website, but we want to be careful not to provide details that might attract looters or the curious to do their own digging
- Dorey House: There have been two days of digging there, and a day of planning. Another digging day is scheduled for Sat. 10/14 10am – 3pm.
- Liability for the Dorey House dig: John Senchyshyn is creating a waiver for any volunteers who come to dig at the Dorey House. Observers will not need a waiver.

Castle Gate Pillars

- Elisa will meet with DPW on 10/24 at the DPW building to discuss our opposition to moving the pillars.
- Other committee members are invited to join the meeting.

Demolition Delay

- Kay reached out to Chris Skelly from Mass Historical Commission to see if he would meet with us about the Demolition Delay and provide advice
- Elisa is following up

Library Building

- Elisa met with the Library Planning Board about how we might use space in the current library building if it were made available to us after the library moves
- She suggested permanent exhibits, rotating exhibits in collaboration with Wayland Historical Society, and using the basement space for Archaeology
- Displays of maps and charts would fit into the charter of the library
- Elisa will present again at a future Planning Board meeting open to the public, on Thursday, Oct. 19

Mahoney's Development

- A house and carriage house next to Mahoney's are identified as "to be relocated." We may want to look into these buildings for their significance.

Minutes

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, amended and approved.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 7, 2017.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gordon