

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting minutes- March 15, 2016

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

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

### **North Cemetery Gravestone Preservation**

The Commission reviewed Elisa Scola's article regarding The North Cemetery Gravestone preservation project.

### **CPA Funding Town Clock**

It was mentioned that information requested by the WHC pertaining to a maintenance plan still had not been furnished to the Commission.

### **Stones' Bridge**

Elisa Scola mentioned that Gretchen Schuler has filled out the paperwork for Stone's Bridge for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission reviewed the letter. Elisa Scola moved that the commission fully support the nomination. Tonya Largy seconded the motion. The Commission **voted unanimously to support the nomination.**

Tonya Largy suggested a reenactment at the site when the bridge repairs are finished

Elisa Scola reported the Framingham Historical Commission members support our work but do not feel they can secure funds to repair the part of the bridge that is in Framingham. Tonya Largy mentioned concern about repairing only two of the arches and questioned whether there might be structural issue as a result. Sheila Carel questioned whether or not Wayland would be held legally responsible if the Framingham portion of the bridge suffered damage during or as a result of the repair work. There was discussion of an inter-town agreement that might be put in place to protect the town.

### **Update on Cultural Resource Policy**

Sheila Carel reported that all changes have been made and she will be ready to present the policy once Town Meeting is over, as Town officials and departments will be busy preparing for TM.

### **Priorities for The North Cemetery Preservation Plan**

Due to lack of time, we will put this off until our April meeting.

### **Archaeology**

#### **202 Old Connecticut Path and possible 3<sup>rd</sup> site for the library.**

Tonya Largy reported that she spoke with Aida Gennis and told her that the site of the former DPW building was too disturbed for there to be any archaeological concerns. There was discussion, however if they have to cut into any of the existing hills. Sheila Carel and Tonya Largy said they would perform a walkthrough of the area.

Tonya Largy reported that the current library site is clear. She and Karen Langthorn determined that there are no archaeological concerns at the site years ago when they renovated the library.

Discussion of the site off of Old Connecticut Path and near the Sudbury River. Sheila and Tonya reported they visited the site with Alf Berry and that there were some possible concerns in the wooded area. However, Sheila and Tonya both expressed that we would have to wait on any studies until we can find a team we can trust.

Tonya Lary mentioned she received an email regarding two parcels of land on Lakeshore Drive that the town would like to sell: 46B-048 and 46B-047. Sheila and Tonya said they would perform a walkthrough.

## **Railroad**

Rick Conard reported he received an email from Larry Kiernan informing him that Eversource is preparing to start construction this summer and that the wetlands will be delineated. He also reported that the Weston selectmen are supportive of the project. There was discussion of the \$70,000 grant to Wayland for non-permeable surfaces as they are easier to maintain.

Rick Conard said he will contact Ellen Birkland.

Rick Conard shared that this year's brush clearing will take place on May 7 and 8. He also mentioned April 14, Community Service Day for WHC, students will stack brush where the containers will be. He also said that Mary Ann at the landfill will provide containers for the clean up.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Elisa Scola made a motion to accept the minutes. Sheila Carel seconded the motion. All voted to accept the minutes.

Elisa Scola called the meeting at 9:15.

Recap of motions made at this meeting:

**The Commission voted unanimously to support the nomination of Stone's Bridge to the National Register of Historic Places.**

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Carel of The Wayland Historical Commission.