**Wayland Historical Commission**

January 9, 2018

Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Wayland Town Building

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Dudley Woods**

* Tonya presented proposals from UMass Amherst for three projects:
  + Dudley Pond Trail Archaeological Monitoring - $17,600
  + Dudley Pond Trail 1-week Intensive Survey - $24,500
  + Dudley Pond Trail 8-Day Intensive Survey - $30,500
* We were mistaken to think that monitoring could be done for $5k; in addition, MHC doesn’t typically feel that monitoring is sufficient
* MHC prefers surveys that include test pits every 7.5 meters all along the trail
* Why does MHC need to be involved?
  + We cannot do archaeology work in the area without a permit, and MHC issues the permits
  + Because of the Mansion Inn, and possible Indian habitations, we consider the area to be of archaeological interest, which is why we have pursued this with MHC
  + There could be an historic cellar hole, burials, etc.
  + Sensitive archaeological areas had been previously marked (by Native Americans)
* **MOTION** to Apply to CPC for up to $18,000 for Dudley Pond Trail archaeological monitoring
* **APPROVED** unanimously

**CPC Proposals**

**Wayland Depot Preservation**

* Public Buildings Director Ben Keefe has submitted a proposal for Wayland Depot preservation
  + Upgrade electrical service to code, preserve siding, window and door casements
* The old train order signal pole is attached to the building, through the roof. Could its restoration be part of this effort?
  + Bedford, among other communities, have restored their signal poles
* Elisa will talk with CPC about including a request for a train order signal restoration
* **MOTION** to approve request for restoration of the Depot with the contingency that the train order signal pole is part of the restoration
* **APPROVED** unanimously

**Dudley Woods Trail**

* CPC had intended to ask for $25K for Dudley Woods monitoring and survey
* We would prefer to keep the request to the $18K we just voted on

**Wayland Historical Commission website**

* Elisa has tried to contact IT Director Jorge Pazos to set up a meeting, and has not heard back from him
* Kay has worked on her section on digitized records

**Railroad and Rail Trail Cattle Passes**

* Construction and activity is suspended for the winter
* Rail removal reached as far as the Weston town line, rails in Weston are still in place
* Rick was contacted by Paul Penfield of Weston who is writing an article for the Weston Historical Society Bulletin with a description of the artifacts along the trail
* Rick offered to help him with the Wayland information
* Perhaps we could suggest that the Wayland Historical Society put the article on its website
* Jean Milburn of the Wayland Garden Club is spearheading an effort to add plantings to the Rail Trail between the Library and the Town Center
* Elisa will put Jean in touch with Rick so he can show her where the artifacts are

**Archaeology**

* Repatriation: Tonya needs to find out what our steps are
* We have a box of artifacts in the Lab from the Mansion Inn
* Amanda will contact someone at the Peabody Harvard Museum to discuss how to inventory the artifacts
* Tonya is giving a talk on Archaeology for Genealogists, Sat. Jan. 13, at the Wayland Library

**Minutes**

* Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Next Meeting**

* Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 13, 2018.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gordon