

Wayland Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2018  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Wayland Town Building

**Present:** Elisa Scola, Amanda Ciacchio, Richard Conard, Ann Gordon, Tonya Largy, Kay Westcott

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm

**Public Comment**

- There was no public comment

**Minutes**

- The June 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved with changes
- The August 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved with changes

**Stones Bridge**

- Elisa had a meeting with the Permanent Municipal Building Committee and they would like to put off restoring Stones Bridge and ask for more CPC money in order to get the whole bridge done at once
- Bids are \$400K to redirect the river so they can work at the bridge's base, and it will cost \$30K – 50K per arch (there are 4); we have \$480K. The work should be put it off until they can get more funding from the CPC.

**Castle Gate Pillars**

- Kay has been periodically checking on the progress of the pillar project, and on how the original location has been marked
- She has contacted Tom Holder to discuss the work

**Railroad and Rail Trail**

- No official ribbon cutting date yet
- Still some paving being done, and loam and seed in Weston
- Wooden fences will be placed where there are embankments, and at the crossings there will be fencing to guide people to crosswalks
- Yesterday Rick met with Tom Lashmit, Wayland's new Town Surveyor, and asked if he could find out who owned the land around the cattle pass
- Tom visited the cattle pass and collected the survey points, checked historic town maps, and determined the land was once owned by James Sumner Draper, an eminent Waylander
- After he passed away, the land went to his four brothers in 1896
- In 1905 the Draper family sold it to Sarah Glover (Glover Lane)
- One of the deeds refers to an easement to cross over or under the railroad
- On Oct. 13 Friends of the Wayland Rail Trail and the Historical Society will host a Rail Trail guided tour with volunteers stationed at various historical points
- Rick is preparing materials for volunteers to learn about the items and areas they will be telling visitors about
- On Nov. 18 Rick will give a talk at the Wayland Historical Society on the railroad

### ***Depot***

- Rick spoke with Ben Keefe; the company Harper Elm, currently working on Mellen Law Office, will prepare a scope of work for the Depot
- Ben will meet with Waltham Services regarding a termite service plan for Depot, Mellen and Freight House

### **Archaeology**

#### ***Mansion Inn Artifacts***

- Shira photographed the artifacts, and there are some photos that may need to be redone
  - In June Amanda sent a notice to tribal leaders that the notice was ready to go public; there was no response. The notice is intended for any local indigenous people who might want to know about this or make a claim. It gets published on a national website and local tribes can look there for projects and collections of interest. The notice includes:
    - Inventory of our collection
    - History of the region and when they were taken
    - Identifying things that might connect them to other collections
    - Purpose
- In August Amanda reached out again, and did not get a response
- John Patton at MHC referred Tonya and Amanda to David Weeden, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Mashpee Wampanoag
- Amanda will wait a bit longer to hear back from someone in the native community

#### ***Gardescu Bench***

- Amanda will try to connect with Ben Keefe to see if there is any money to pay for a bench that matches the bench by the Veterans Memorial
- We don't know yet what the cost is, Ben may know this
- Amanda and/or Ann will ask Ben about sourcing, pricing and whether our preferred location – outside the gym door – will work

#### ***Archaeology Month***

- Kate Barvick from UMass, who did the Dorey House dig, will speak on Sat. Oct. 20.
- We have to pay the custodian fees, typically \$120
- Lois Tombs has offered to bring some refreshments, and others will as well.
- **Motion: Allocate up to \$150 for the event to cover custodian fees and other expenses**  
**PASSED unanimously**

#### ***North Cemetery***

- We've received a report from Barbara Donohue; she did not find anything significant
- We will ask for a digital copy to put on the website

#### ***Lab Visit***

- Kay has been speaking with Brian Boggia, Wayland Housing Authority director, about communicating with us when they do digging projects (they are currently digging up the parking lot at 106 Main Street).

- Tonya and Amanda showed him the lab to help him understand the connection between what they do and what we do

**Next Meetings**

- Kay proposed we schedule our year's meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. These can be changed if need be:
  - October 9
  - November 13
  - December 11
  - January 8
  - February 12
  - March 12
  - April 9
  - May 14
  - June 11

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gordon