

Wayland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2016

Attendees: Members: Elisa Scola (Chair), Tonya Largy, Sheila Carel, John Dyer, Rick Conard,
Guests: Mike Lowery, Gretchen Schuler and Karen Montague

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

1. There were no public comments.
2. Railroad Freight House and Railroad Interpretive Site: There was a discussion of possible impacts that Library expansion at its present site might have on the freight house. The Library architect has just been hired and there will be public meetings/community forums to discuss. The freight house is on the State Register but not on the National Register; if it were to be moved slightly it would not likely affect its eligibility for National Register status. If it were to be moved the restoration of the loading dock, window between freight doors on south side, restoration of historic markings on inside of south wall, and insulation/interior work would be recommendations. A suggestion was made that if significantly improved and restored the building could be used for Library functions such as a children's room.
3. Mainstone Farm: Gretchen Schuler said that the Conservation Commission will apply for a grant to the Mass. Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. This is the "LAND" (Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity) grant program, for land conservation and recreation purposes. We consider the farmland to be archaeologically and culturally sensitive and feel that the land will be better protected under a conservation restriction than if it were to be developed. It was unanimously voted 5-0 (with motion by Elisa, second by Tonya) to have WHC write a letter to Mass. Historical Commission in support of the grant application.
4. Stone's Bridge: There is no news on the MPPF grant application that has been made. At the PMBC meeting last night the committee recommended that Structures North's proposal to perform design and construction management work be selected from the two proposals that were submitted. Structures North's proposal received the highest ranking. A recommendation will be made to Nan Balmer who is responsible for making the award. The WHC does not need to vote on this because the responsibility for making a recommendation has been assigned to the PMBC. Our understanding is that the fee for this work is not to exceed \$50,000.
5. Historic Signs at Recreation Sites: Suggestions were made for signs at various locations such as Stone's Bridge, Cochituate ballfield, Town Building ballfield, early meetinghouses, Mill Pond, site of Bent Shoe Factory, and Wayland Depot. Anyone with ideas should contact John Dyer. The leftover Wayland 375 money (about \$8,000) has been transferred back to the Town and might be available for signs if it were to be reallocated.
6. Demolition Delay Bylaw: Elisa said she did not think we would be able to have something ready for Special Town Meeting in the fall due to a shortage of members on our Commission. We have several vacancies and Sheila has indicated that she will not be able

to serve another term. There was discussion of the difficulty of getting a quorum at future meetings. We need more members.

7. Archaeology Update: The Natick artifacts from the Kapelian farm (discussed at last month's meeting) will be transferred to the Natick Historical Society. Sheila visited Yankee Craftsman and looked at the traces of the silo that are still visible. We discussed the historical significance of that site.
8. The minutes of the May 11 meeting were approved with a few changes.
9. New Business and Other Items: Elisa's appointment to the CPC ends this month. It was voted unanimously to appoint Elisa to another three year term as the WHC's representative on the CPC. The Recreation Commission has asked for WHC input in the design of the Dudley Woods walking trail and recreational field.

We will be on summer recess unless we need to arrange to meet sooner. Our next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 21 [this was subsequently changed to June 22].

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Conard