

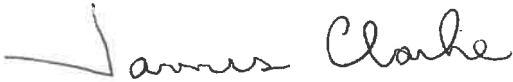
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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023  
TUFTS LIBRARY - 7:00 PM

Present: Jim Clarke, Mark Schneider, Cathy Torrey, Kerri Donnelly, Steve McCloskey, Jenn Donovan

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 7PM. A motion to approve the 10/24/23 minutes was made by Cathy, seconded by Mark. So voted unanimously.
2. Historic House Sign Request - Jim reviewed the request for an historic house sign at 230 Broad Street. There were no questions. A motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Jenn, to approve the request. So voted unanimously.
3. Rice Tavern - Jim reported that the demolition delay is in place. He has met with the Mayor and discussed moving the building with John Iredale, who rehabbed the South Weymouth train station. Kerri asked whether there could be a town use or private use for the building. Jim thought the Mayor was hoping for a private use. Mark asked what was the role of the commission and town now? Jim felt the commission should continue to try to find new uses for the tavern and possibly facilitate moving the structure. He mentioned that he is coordinating with Iredale to find a preservation architect and building mover who might assist in evaluating the feasibility of moving the building. Steve asked about the status of local permits for the new project proposed for the site. Jim stated that the permit process is ongoing before the Board of Zoning Appeals and Conservation Commission. Mark mentioned that he is researching the anti-slavery movement in Weymouth which related to comments about the Rice Tavern connections to the underground railroad. Jim will keep the commission up to date as the process unfolds.

4. Emery Estate - Jenn reported that the recent meeting had been cancelled. They hope to have a holiday open house and a Veterans display at the house. Grant review is still on hold at the state level. Jenn said they are trying to determine how to address ADA issues. Cathy mentioned that the *Abigail Adams Birthplace* had received some ADA waivers due to the historic nature of the house. The use of the building for some museum space is on hold.
5. Newsletter - Kerri reported that there are 148 subscribers and the latest issue was opened 470 times. The NWCA forwards the issue to their membership.
6. CPC - Cathy noted that there has not been a meeting since the last report. Jim noted that the Walling map restoration is underway after a paperwork issue was resolved.
7. Demolition Delay - Jim stated that we are waiting for Eric to contact the people who objected to the listing and determine how many will go forward with a hearing.
8. Other Business - Cathy attended the ribbon cutting for the Francer building apartments and stated that developer Mike Reilly had done a great job converting to space to residential use. Ten percent are affordable. Jim announced the First Church final event, a church service on December 10. Jim stated that Kathy Deree was working to have material removed that does not belong in the vault. Once that is done it will open up space to rearrange the records. Jim noted that there would be a van tour of veterans memorials in town this week. He will be speaking on the tour.
9. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on January 9, 2024.
10. Cathy made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM, seconded by Kerri. So voted unanimously.

  
CHAIR, WNC

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