

MEETING NOTICE
TOWN OF SANDWICH, MA
Sandwich Historical Commission

Location: Second Floor Meeting Room, Sandwich Town Hall, 130 Main St,
Sandwich MA

Date: December 07, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Review & Approval of Minutes (Vote)

2. Correspondence / Follow Up

Letter from Kathe Maguire dated November 18, 2011. SHC Budget Request.

3. Public Forum

4. Staff Meeting

Demolition of buildings located within the Old Kings Highway Regional Historic District – Regulatory Process. Sandwich Historic District Committee Chair, Bill Collins will be a guest speaker. (60 minutes)

Cemetery Preservation update – Jennifer Madden (5 minutes)

Jarvesville Historic District signage update – Jonathan Shaw (5 minutes)

Town Hall Restoration & Rehabilitation Phase II: Pedestrian and Handicapped Accessibility & Safety – Jonathan Shaw (Vote)

5. Old Business.

Hoxie House – Recommendations on sign alteration/replacement.

6. New Business.

7. Announcements.

8. Public Forum.

Signed:

Terry Blake

Name: Terry Blake, Chair

Date: December 01, 2011

* Documents attached:

Letter from Kathe Maguire of November 18, 2011. SHC Budget.

Email from Jonathan Shaw of November 21, 2011. Town Hall Restoration & Rehabilitation Phase II: Pedestrian and Handicapped Accessibility & Safety

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Terry Blake
Chair Sandwich Historical Commission

Dear Terry,

Please read this letter to the members of the Sandwich Historical Commission at your next meeting. I would have simply emailed a copy to all but I am afraid I am not up on the names and email addresses of all the current members. If you do not have the time to read this letter, please pass it along via email to all members to consider my request at their next meeting.

I am writing to request that the Sandwich Historical Commission to share some of its \$500. budget to purchase desperately needed enamel coated metal shelving for the Periodical Room of the Sandwich Public Library where many Archival Documents are stored due to lack of space in the Macknight Room. The current shelving in the Periodical room is of wood. It has rotted, is not secured, is too shallow, has nails springing forth, I am sure you get the picture....It is there for anyone to view. Wood is not an acceptable substance to be near archival documents, even if they are encased in grey archival boxes.

I think a bit of history of your budget might be necessary to explain since the only member of the current SHC who served when this budget was initiated is Carolyn Crowell.

Some years ago I went to our Director of Development and Planning, JoAnne Miller Buntich, with whom I had worked closely to win some grants

for archival work before the Town accepted the CPA. I requested a budget of some sort for the SHC. Bud Dunham granted this request and the Planning dept agreed to hold our paper copies of minutes and agendas and correspondence in a room at 16 Jan Sebastian. All our mail also went through the Planning office and Jo Anne designed from stationery for us and gave us use of her secretarial staff. I have no idea if this relationship still exists since I cease to be a member effective June 30, 2010. I am emailing this letter because I have no idea where you pick up your mail at this point.

Since the archives has always been under funded or meagerly funded, the SHC voted each year to donate some funds to enable me to order some supplies for Barbara to use to preserve precious documents. Many of the grey boxes you see today were purchased by the SHC.

While the budget money was never used as petty cash, there was an occasional reimbursement to a member for some expenses directly tied to the SHC. For example, when Jon Shaw and I prepared presentations for a Demolition Delay Bylaw, under some other name, he took some photos and we reimbursed him for that ink or whatever. But on the whole, members voted to designate the \$500. to some worthy cause directly tied to preservation. I believe the SHC budget paid to have some of the older oral history tapes digitized before FOSTA picked up that project.

I am proud that former members of the SHC were so generous. The use of the money was always a vote of the Commission by the way.

As you must be aware, the Archives receives NO funding from the Town or the Sandwich Public Library right now. FOSTA is the total source of funding for archival supplies and Barbara's salary and we operate solely on donations. I was able to secure one grant from the Cape Cod Five for the restoration of an original 1857 map that should be back from New England Conservation Document Center any day now. I am hoping to apply to them

this year for a grant to begin to digitize the Tax Valuation records that are our only original source, and they are hand written ledgers, for that valuable information of the history of those who lived in Sandwich from 1861 through 1950. A law passed in 1860 requiring all towns to keep such records. Taylor White has just taken a sample book to NECDC for a cost estimate to have it digitized so I can then multiply that times the number of ledgers etc. Sure you get the point.

Over the past few years FOSTA has somehow managed to find the money for other important projects. We have successfully digitized Russell Lovell's Sandwich A Cape Cod Town with Russell's corrections and additions.

I now have permission of the Select Board to approach The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston with regard to a possible purchase of the digitized copy with a possible publication I mind.

We thought it important to 'SAVE' this book that is now out of print with no available copies available in town for sale. I will not bore you with anymore lists of accomplishments except to say that individual members of FOSTA have donated their money for particular projects as well as their physical efforts to re align and organize the archives both in the Macknight room and in the Periodical room in the basement.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration,

Kaethe O'Keefe Maguire
President Friends of the Sandwich Town Archives



Sandwich Historical <shc1637@gmail.com>

Fwd: Town Hall Restoration & Rehabilitation Phase II: Pedestrian and Handicapped Accessibility & Safety

1 message

TB WB <blake.probate@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 30, 2011 at 5:37 PM

To: SHC Website Administrator <shc1637@gmail.com>

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From: **Jonathan Shaw** <shaw@cape.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 at 3:41 PM

Subject: Town Hall Restoration & Rehabilitation Phase II: Pedestrian and Handicapped Accessibility & Safety

To: Terry Blake <blake.probate@gmail.com>

Dear Terri,

I recently met with: Paul Tilton - Director of the Sandwich Public Works Dept., Patrick Ellis - retired contractor and former member & chair of the Board of Selectmen, and Frank Pannorfi - Chair, Sandwich Board of Selectmen. These three, including myself, formerly served on the Sandwich Town Hall Restoration and Rehabilitation Committee that guided the historic preservation of the Town Hall. With the four of us was Joseph Magni of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., design contractors.

The above individuals met to discuss the need to embark on Phase II of the historic rehabilitation associated with the Town Hall. Phase II is best described in brief as: Town Hall Restoration & Rehabilitation Phase II: Pedestrian and Handicapped Accessibility & Safety (from the Town Hall to the artesian fountain and sidewalk leading to the historic Dexter Grist Mill). Phase II was discussed by the Sandwich Town Hall Committee several years ago and set aside temporarily. The time has now come to request Community Preservation funding. The SHC proposed and repeatedly supported and encouraged the earlier work on the Restoration & Rehabilitation of the Town Hall, and I would like to request that at the Wednesday, December 7, monthly meeting of the Sandwich Historical Commission that the Commission be asked to review Phase II and to vote to make application to the Sandwich Community Preservation Committee.

Currently, when leaving the Town Hall and walking up Water Street it is necessary to walk INTO the street itself since the sidewalk is missing! Moreover, the artesian fountain, a unique and very old feature of this site, is inaccessible for residents and visitors in wheelchairs or physically challenged since the sunken area around it is reached by descending down several crumbling slate steps. The work to correct these issues would consist of a wood bridge across the Mill stream on the Water Street side of the Town Hall to permit pedestrian and wheelchair access to and from the Town Hall, raising the artesian fountain and the area around it so that it is fully handicapped and pedestrian accessible and rebuilding the nearby weakened stone wall along the Mill stream so that it is entirely and permanently secure. There was discussion among the individuals above of also including in the project the rebuilding of the stone wall along the entire length of the herring run which extends from the area near the artesian fountain to the existing wood bridge adjacent to the historic Dexter Grist mill.

I hope you will include in the Agenda for the December 7 SHC meeting a discussion of supporting an SHC application to the CPC. I believe that Phase II will not only ensure necessary pedestrian and handicapped accessibility and safety to the historic Town Hall but also create a visually pleasing Water Street entrance and strengthen the Town's commitment to heritage tourism that is so vital to the Town's economic well-being.

I am sending by separate e-mail an artist's rendering which was prepared several years ago by the Town Hall's restoration and rehabilitation architect, Wendall Kalsow, which shows the proposed Phase II accessibility bridge and the area around the artesian fountain. This rendering was used in presentations to the Town. I also have some photographs and planning documents prepared recently by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin that I will bring to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Jon

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