

MINUTES
of the
Sandwich Historical Commission
Meeting date: September 7, 2011

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Terry Blake @ 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Terry Blake, Jennifer Madden, William Daley, Carolyn Crowell, and Jonathan Shaw

Members not present: Ellen Carlson

Also Attending: Kate Bavelock, Don Bayley, Karen Juros, John Juros, Bill Burbank, Peter Dubay, Greg Polanik

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept last month's minutes was made by Jonathan Shaw and seconded by Jennifer Madden and was unanimously approved.

2. Announcements & Correspondence: The Chair noted the letter from Mr. Mason Smith requesting the town change the name of the Hoxie House to include the name of Reverend Smith. Action on this letter was moved to the next meeting in October.

3. Public Forum: During the Public Forum segment, John Juros addressed the Commission. He stated that he had watched the local cable channel televising of the Selectman's meeting where the Chamber presented a case for moving the Sand Hill School so that it could use it as a visitors center. Mr. Juros noted that a Commission member, Carolyn Crowell, addressed the Selectmen and identified herself as a Commission member. He noted that she expressed reservations about moving the building and he wanted to know if she was speaking for the Commission or was she stating her own opinion. He requested that the Commission send a memo to the Selectmen clarifying this point. The chair indicated that it would be taken under advisement.

4. Removal of Sand Hill School: Peter Dubay and Kate Bavelock and Greg Polanik of the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commission concerning its proposal to acquire the Sand Hill School building, relocate it and use it as a visitors center. They stated that the Chamber's basically has 2 options. First, move the building and restore it to its original exterior, but renovate the interior. Or second, build a new visitors center. They have set a deadline date of 12/31/2011 regarding an approval of the town to relocate the building. If they do not have approval by that time, the Chamber will begin plans to have a new visitors center built. They would like the support of the SHC to move the building, but noted that the town had an RFI issued which has a deadline response date of 9/18. They understood that the SHC was not in a position to take a stand on the situation at this time because we need to await the response to the RFI. It is expected that the SHC will revisit this subject at the October meeting.

5. Mission Statement Review: The SHC members authorized Jonathan Shaw to come up with a possible revision to the Mission Statement and it will be reviewed in the October meeting.

6. Cemetery Preservation: Jennifer Madden reported on the Old Town Cemetery preservation project and stated that former member, Kaethe Maguire, has agreed to provide the details for the RFP that is being prepared by Doug Lapp. Kaethe had written the previous RFP that was done for the original cemetery project. Jennifer will be named as the SHC contact person on the RFP. It was agreed that we will keep the approach of doing as many stones as possible with the \$20,000 that has been allocated for the project and the project will heavily concentrate on the resetting of stones which is the lowest cost item and will affect the most number of stones. The source of the money is \$10,000 from the cemetery maintenance fund that has not been used for a number of years as well as \$10,000 in matching funds from the CPC. Another \$10,000 remains in the cemetery maintenance fund and we plan to request use of it in 2013 along with another matching amount from the CPC.

7. Alms House: Carolyn Crowell reported that the stone is in place that recognizes the unmarked graves at the former Alms House which is near Crow Farm. She also reported that she has made the asset files folders for the properties that were added to the 3 historic districts which were not previously part of the archive records. These properties need to have MACRIS files created for them.

8. 15 Canary St. Demolition: Bill Daley sought the approval of the Commission concerning the 15 Canary Street property. He specifically sought the authorization of the SHC so that he could work with such organizations as the Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission and any other reviewing agencies so that they approve the new plan submitted by the owner which keeps the original c. 1835 house rather than demolishing it as originally planned. Jonathan moved this motion and it was seconded by Jennifer and unanimously approved.

9. Historic House Markers: The Commission unanimously approved the following historical markers after reviewing the information provided by Bill Daley and they were:

69 Main St.

108 Main St.

264 Rte 6A

40 Rte 130

20 Jarves St.

17 Canary St.

18 Jarves St.

10. Request for Information: Jonathan Shaw volunteered to respond to the town's Request for Information relative to the Sand Hill School on behalf of the SHC. Bill Daley made the motion regarding this and it was seconded by Jennifer Madden. It was unanimously approved by the SHC. The information needs to be provided by 9/18/2011.

11. Old Business: None.

12. New Business: None.

13. Public Forum: None.

The meeting ended at 8:25.

Respectfully,

Bill Daley

9/12/2011.

Attachments:

Historic House Marker Nominations

Historical Markers, September 2011

69 Main St, asset #152

- > The asset file states that 1845 is cut into the foundation wall.
- > The asset file shows research done by Barbara Gill that the house was owned by Charles Dillingham and he was taxed for it in 1846.
- > The assessor's list shows 1857(the map date)
- > MACRIS shows 1845

Recommend: Charles Dillingham 1845

108 Main St., Windfall Inn, asset # 216

- > Asset file contains letter from Russ Lovell stating that it was built in 1818 for Enos Breed of Boston, but no original documentation.
- > Asset file also states that it was built, "1816-18 dates given in HC file from a "deed", but no copy of deed to show ownership". More than likely the deed was destroyed in the fire at the Registry of Deeds.
- > Long standing literature from the Windfall Inn uses the 1816 date and the name, Enos Breed. There are new owners of the inn and they are seeking the marker (the prior owner refused to buy a marker).
- > Assessor's list and MACRIS both use 1816.

> Recommend: Enos Breed 1816

264 Route 6A, asset #51

- > Asset file shows that house was built by Franklin Nye (1803-1895) and "was built from old house materials, boards timbers" in 1875.
- > Assessor's list shows 1875
- > MACRIS shows 1880.

Recommend: Franklin Nye 1875

40 Rte 130, Forestdale

- > Asset file shows a record of sale of Indian Lands to Simeon Fish (1724-1801) and Nathaniel Fish Jr. on 1/25/1776. Simeon was a Captain in the Sandwich militia.

>Asset file shows document dividing the land between Simeon and his brother Nathaniel Jr. dated 7/8/1782. The document contains language “from Captain Simeon Fish’s dwelling house” which indicates that the house was owned by Simeon and was already standing by 1782.

> Lovell’s book confirms these facts on pp. 360-361.

> Expert house historian, Dave Wheelock, examined the basement of the house and dates it no earlier than 1750 and likely to have been built in the late 1700’s.

> Assessor’s list shows 1707 and MACRIS uses 1790.

Recommend: use c.1780 which is between the time the land was acquired (1776) and the date of its first stated existence (1782). Therefore: Captain Simeon Fish c.1780

20 Jarves St., My Sister’s Gallery

>Assessor’s list shows 1857 (map date).

>MACRIS shows 1840

> My research shows that Naaman Dillingham sold land to James Forsyth for \$675 on 4/7/1846, Book 37/page 372. Dillingham owned the farm on Jarves street and sold portions of the property over the years and his house at 4 Jarves was built c.1827.

> My research shows that James Forsyth sold a lot and buildings thereon located “on the Corner of Orthodox Rd. [presently Pleasant St.] and a street leading to Glass Factory [presently Jarves St.] to Anthony Chapouil Jr. for \$1,800 on 7/9/1852, 52/312.

>The building was erected sometime between 1846 and 1852 and therefore I recommend:

James Forsyth c. 1850

17 Canary, Jarvesville

> This property is shown as part of a landscape of 3 houses, 15 Canary; 17 &19 Canary double house; and 21 Canary. In a conversation between Barbara Gill and me, Barbara stated that it is reasonable to assume that they were all built at the same time and probably by the same carpenter since they are all factory houses.

> The house at 15 Canary St. is on land that was once owned by Deming Jarves and Andrew Hall who sold the lot only to Theodore Kerns in 1832, Book 10/P.150. Kerns began as a glass blower at the B&S and advanced to Superintendent in 1857. He sold the lot and building thereon to Philip Shevlin in 1849, probably as a rent to buy arrangement. The house was probably built around 1835 which is a similar date to others in this section of Jarvesville. Shevlin was an Irish immigrant glass worker who was at the B&S for 50 years and was the night watchman when it closed in 1888.

>The house at 17-19 Canary was built on land owned by Deming Jarves and Andrew Hall. It appears that it was an investment property owned by them and rented to glass workers. The earliest date that I can

find for ownership is 1/17/1851 when the right side (#19) was sold to Hugh Maguire, Book51/P.314.

> Andrew Hall and Deming Jarves sold the left side (#17) on 1/14/1860 to Alice Chadbourne.

> Alice was born in Ireland in 1808 as Alice Swansey. She married Paul Chadbourne in 1831 in Sandwich and lived at 17 Canary. Paul died in 1850 and she remarried around 1860 to a James Spinney and continued to live at 17 Canary. The 1860 and 1870 Census shows her as Alice Spinney and 17 Canary can be traced through her to the present owner.

> Assessor's list shows 1857 (map date) and MACRIS shows 1840.

Recommend: Alice Chadbourne c. 1835

18 Jarves Street, stationery store

> My research shows that Rev. Giles Pease sold a lot of land on Dock St. to Anthony Chapouil Jr. on 7/7/1857, Book 63/P419. Giles lived at 12 Jarves (c. 1840) and he built Puritan Church (c1847) at 16 Jarves (Beth's Teas). This appears to be the small strip of land that is presently occupied by 18 Jarves. Rev. Giles church did not succeed and he left town around 1857 to become a doctor in greater Boston, around the same time he sold this land..

> On the 1857 map, both 20 and 18 Jarves St. are shown as Chapouil properties.

> It is not on my copy of the Assessor's list and it is shown as 1840 on MACRIS

Recommend: Anthony Chapouil Jr. c. 1857