

NOTICE OF MEETING TOWN OF SANDWICH, MA Sandwich Historical Commission

Place: McKnight Room (Archives)
Sandwich Library (142 Main Street)
Sandwich, MA 02563

Date: November, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Review and Approval of Minutes (Vote)
2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up.
3. Public Forum

Taylor White – The Town Clerk's office is nearing completion of a four-year project to digitize the Sandwich Vital Records back to the 1650's. Once the project is complete a user will be able to search of the entire text contained within the New England Historical Genealogical Society books of Sandwich's vital records in electronic format and cross reference to the high-definition photograph of the corresponding hand-written original image. The records will not be available online, but will be open to the public in the Clerk's office.

Mr. White will give us a status report on the project and a brief demonstration of the system with Q&A to follow.

Other Public Comments

4. Staff Meeting:

Jennifer Madden – Update on the Old Town Burying Ground gravestone restoration project.

Lisa Hassler – Request that the Sand Hill School support group become subcommittee of the Historical Commission.

Bill Daley – The recent visit of several Historical Commission members to the Deacon Eldred house prompts me reflection on the other dilapidated and abandoned buildings in town in the historic area and elsewhere. Not all of them are town owned. We should make a list of these and make a serious effort to get them fixed by having a joint effort between the SHC and the

town officials to contact the owners. It won't be easy, but we can try.
These would include:

1. The boat house on Shawme Pond
2. The Seth Nye house that sits atop the hill behind Town Hall
3. The School House in Forestdale - Town Owned.
4. A couple of houses on Rte. 6A (can't think of the addresses)
5. The home on Harbor St. owned and abandoned by Mr. Anderson
6. The Deacon Eldred house. Town Owned.

Bill Daley – Also, we need to speak about the practice of Narragansett Bay Insurance being unwilling to insure homes that are listed in the National Historic Districts. Mr. Daley has received calls from 2 homeowners.

5. New Business

6. Old Business

Follow-up from Richard Davies (if present) on his offer to explore drafting a new demolition delay law regarding instruments at the Registry of Deeds on buildings that have received CPC funding.

Follow-up (if any) from Carolyn Crowell on correspondence from Bill Hazlep on his interest in writing an article for "Points East Magazine."

7. Public Forum

Signed: _____

Name: David E. Schrader, Chair

Date: September 30, 2013