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Sandwich Historical Commission
Meeting Date: February 05, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, David Schrader at 6:00 pm.

Present: Members David Schrader, Terry Blake, Lisa Hassler, Jennifer Madden, Bill Daley, Don Bayley
Absent: Carolyn Crowell
Visitors: Paul Gately

1. Review and Approval of Minutes: Bill Daley moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2014. Jennifer Madden moved to amend the minutes, adding "CPC voted to send the request to town meeting for approval," before "In May the work to restore the stones at Old Town Cemetery will resume," in paragraph 3.

The motion was seconded by Don Bayley. The motion carried, the minutes were approved as amended.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up: None

3. Staff Meeting:

The Chair suggested that one member attend the Historic New England on March 29, 2014 and the SHC cover the 95.00 registration fee.

Motion by Bill Daley to approve \$95.00 registration fee for one member of the Sandwich Historical Commission to attend the March 29, 2014 Historic New England conference.

Seconded by Don Bayley. Members approved the motion.

Jennifer Madden on Cemetery Preservation: Nothing new to report.

Lisa Hassler on Sand Hill School: Nothing new to report.

Bill Daley commented on endangered historic buildings, suggesting that we, as an organization, should take as an assignment to do what we can in the way of reporting back to each other where the town stands with regards to some of the endangered properties that are falling down. The town has put the replacement of the Deacon Eldred House siding and roof structure out to bid. Bill spoke to Michael Barry, historic preservation restoration architect. He is not that strongly interested in it because the document is 30 plus pages long and he is extremely busy and does not have the time to go through 30 pages of legalese. However, Mr. Barry is inclined to assist because he knows the property, but only on the condition that his company would be responsible for the chimney restoration portion, blending it into the roof, straightening and whatever they are going to do with it and he would hope to subcontract a roofer in Sandwich to

get the roof done. Bill requested Dave Wheelock to talk to Mr. Barry. Bill has called Doug Lapp and has not heard back from him. Bill does not know if there are any bids on the project and offered to act as an intermediary. Mr. Barry told Bill that he has an associate who is a structural architect that specializes in older structures and she might be interested in taking a look at the property for a fee. Bill offered to Mr. Barry that if he wants to put his associate in touch with him (Bill) he could act as intermediary. Bill said the town wants a "reasonable bid". There is only about \$30,000.00 to repair the roof and the town does not want to take from that. Mr. Barry has not gotten back to Bill regarding what the fees would be.

Don Bayley mentioned the Deacon Eldred house to an acquaintance that has restored over 1,000 historic buildings in the Boston area. This gentleman would be glad to take a look at either property (Sand Hill School) for no charge. Don noted that the buildings only need to be lifted up a few inches on each side to repair the sills. Don has his name and number. Bill asked Don what the next step will be. Bill commented that if Don's contact has credentials the town would be interested in letting him take a look at the buildings.

Bill Daley: Informal discussion of the Seth Nye House.

Bill Daley: Informal discussion of historic houses that are currently suffering under demolition by neglect.

Bill Daley: Informal discussion of CPC funding.

Bill Daley noted that William Eaton's only request of the town was to name the land where the civil war monument is placed be named "Eaton Square". The Selectmen of that day agreed but there is no sign designating.

Bill Daley Motion: That we (as a commission) go forward to the town manager and say "Here are these pieces of property that don't have names that have historic background to them and that there should be a name on them so that people actually know what they are called and to honor the original agreement to the late, very late Mr. William Eaton." "Civil War Statue Park" should be named "Eaton Square", "Restroom Park" should be named "Mill Creek Park" or "Town Hall Square". The old "casino property" should be identified and where the farmer's market set up is called "Town Green" and is too far out for that name.

Don Bayley moved to authorize the Chair to contact the town regarding naming these properties.

Lisa Hassler seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Bill offered to write something up for the Chair regarding these issues.

Bill Daley reported: In 1867 at town meeting the Selectmen asked the town's people what they should do to memorialize the efforts of the townspeople for the Civil War. They went back and forth and decided to table the discussion for another time and it never came up again until 1911 when William Eaton donated the Civil War monument on the condition that the land is named Eaton Square after his mother and brothers. The Selectmen agreed.

Old business:

Richard Davies was not able to attend the SHC meeting. Kaethe Maguire is in communication with Richard regarding demolition delay bylaw.

The Chair asked Bill Daley to inquire of Richard Davies if he had any discussions with Narragansett Insurance regarding the difficulties in getting insurance in the National Registered Historic Districts.

Bill Daley moved that the Commission endorse the idea of erecting a plaque in Town Hall commemorating the Sandwich residents who died in military service in the Civil War. Further, that the Commission authorizes Bill Daley to approach the CPC for financial support "probably in the neighborhood of \$8000" to have one memorial manufactured and hung in Town Hall.

The motion was seconded by Don Bayley.

The motion carried, the motion was approved.

Jennifer Madden: An application for a Historic Marker at 32 Jarves Street was briefly discussed and postponed to a future meeting.

Adjournment:

Bill Daley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Madden. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Approved by the Sandwich Historical Commission at its April 2, 2014 Meeting –



David E. Schrader, Chair