

**SANDWICH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2014**

MAY 19 2014

Present: David Schrader, Terry Blake, Carolyn Crowell, Bill Daley, Jennifer Madden

Absent: Lisa Hassler, Don Bayley

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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Review and Approval of Minutes: Moved by Jennifer Madden and seconded by Bill Daley, the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Correspondence/Statements/Announcements/Follow Up:

Cemetery Update by Jennifer Madden: Kaethe Maguire has prepared a draft of a RFP or RFB on the Cedarville Cemetery. The issue is an agenda item on the May, 2014 Town Meeting.

Staff Meeting:

Historic Marker Applications by Bill Daley - The first application is for 201 Main St., built by Stephen Nye ca. 1750 and the former home of Captain Gibbs, captain of the Acorn. Laura Carlyle wants to name the house the "Acorn House, ca. 1750" in honor of the ship captained by Capt. Gibbs. Bill Daley moved approve the wording "'Acorn' House ca. 1750". The motion failed to draw a second. Carolyn Crowell moved to name the house at 201 Main Street "Stephen Nye ca. 1750". Terry Blake seconded. Without further discussion, the motion carried with one dissenting vote.

The second application was for 3 School St. The property was originally part of the Melatiah Bourne estate. Theodore Kern of the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company purchased the lot, without a house, in 1850. A house appears on the lot on the 1857 map of Sandwich but records do not indicate what year the house was built, nor do they indicate whether Kern lived in the house at any time as he owned several properties in town during that period. Kern sold the lot in 1866 with a house included. The conclusion is that the house was built by Theodore Kern between 1850 and 1857. Bill Daley moved to name the house at 3 School Street "Theodore Kern ca. 1857". Jennifer Madden seconded, the motion carried with no dissenting votes.

The third application was for 246 Route 6A. The property was about 1790 built by Peleg Nye III for his daughter upon her marriage. His daughter was Sylvia Nye Hamblin, married to Thomas Hamblin. Bill Daley moved to name the house at 246 Route 6A "Sylvia Nye Hamblin ca. 1790". Jennifer Madden seconded, the motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Replacement Historical Markers - Some markers are not holding paint as expected. Two markers from January, 2010 are peeling excessively. The sign painter guarantees the signs for three years. Bill Daley moved that the Historical Commission replace, for 50% of the original price, signs that fail after three, up to (but not including) the sixth year. Jennifer Madden seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Narragansett Bay Insurance - The Historical Commission is not in a position of representing homeowners in any legal action. Richard Davies will review a sample insurance policy from Narragansett and make recommendations to the homeowner and the Historical Commission as appropriate.

Civil War Memorial Plaque - Bill Daley is representing the SHC in a request to the CPC for about \$10,000 for a plaque to be placed in the town hall, commemorating the 54 men who died of wounds or disease contracted as a result of the Civil War. The Cape Cod Civil War Round Table has offered to contribute a small, as yet undetermined amount toward the purchase. If the CPC approves the request it will be forwarded to a future town meeting warrant.

Deacon Eldred House Roof - A construction crew is in progress of replacing the roof with a completion estimated about the end of April, 2014. Bill reported hearing a quote of \$400,000 to restore the building. The question of a future use or disposition of the house is still undetermined.

Sand Hill School - Bill Daley announced that Melinda Gallant is of the opinion that the building would make a wonderful community theater or arts center of some kind. Bill referred her to Lisa Hassler.

New Business: Bill Daley reminded members that the Talk of the Town speaker series continues with a session every month through the summer.

Old Business: Richard Davies - The Demolition Delay By-Law. Richard is communicating with the Building Commissioner on the subject of public safety. He wants to keep communication open with the SHC.

Adjournment: Bill Daley moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Madden seconded. The motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Blake

Minutes approved by the Sandwich Historical Commission at its May 7, 2014, meeting:



David E. Schrader, Chair