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**Sandwich Historical Commission**  
**November 5, 2014**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, David Schrader, at 6:04 pm

**Present:** Members David Schrader, Bill Daley, Carolyn Crowell, Don Bayley, Lisa Hassler

**1. Review and Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2014 passed unanimously.

**2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up:**

Don announced that the annual Holly Days Home Tour will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Public Forum:**

N.A.

**4. Staff Meeting:**

A) David Schrader read a report by Jennifer Madden on the Old Town Burying Ground. Irving Slavin has sent his final report on the work done on the gravestones. A total of 81 stones were treated (5 more than we asked them to do). They reset 52 stones, fallen or tilting stones, using the original bases or making new ones and treated 22 stones that were de-laminating.

There is nothing additional to report on the work at Cedarville. The deadline was December 1<sup>st</sup> and they did not request an extension.

B) Bill Daley reported on obtaining a marker for people buried in Old Town Burying Ground who lack headstones. Don mentioned he had read that one reason some burials lacked markers was that the very religious in the 1600s considered headstones to be vain. Bill added that other grave markers were made of wood and thus are no longer around. Bill noted that per Dr. Nathaniel Freeman's writing, a pirate and an Indian are among the unmarked burials.

Bill mentioned that Dick Saline at the DPW said that he would provide the boulder on which the plaque would be mounted, would affix it to the boulder and would install it free of charge but when he heard some options included using slate, he "cringed." The cost of an 18" x 12" bronze marker would be \$590 - \$620. After some discussion Bill moved that we go with a bronze marker paid for by the SHC; seconded by Don; passed unanimously.

C) Bill Daley presented research on an Historic House Marker for 2 Pleasant Street. It is a double house that was originally a store in Jarvesville and was moved from the corner of State and Harbor to Pleasant Street. We do know it was owned by Titus P. Reardon (1809 - 1857). Reardon was a real estate investor and owned as many as 6 properties at one time, including stores, houses and lots. He was taxed for a



store in 1847 but not in 1848. So 1848 may be the year it was moved and converted to a 2-family (double) residence. Bill recommended that the marker read "Jarvesville Store c.1840." Bill noted is on the 1857 and 1880 maps as "Miller." Barbara Gil said Dr. Beale rented this house when he first moved to Sandwich. There followed discussion as to whether this was the same building that held the Ellis store in the 1930s. Bill said he would table the marker approval and do further research.

D) Bill led a discussion on what we can do about the Seth Nye House. Problem is the owner wants to house a caretaker in a new apartment to be built in the barn. The barn is already non-conforming (less than 30' from the property line). Requests for a variance to convert the barn to residential have been denied by the ZBA. Currently the only solution is to have the caretaker live in the house. Bill read a letter from the owner's attorney which said all the neighbors now support restoration of the house (they hadn't in the past). Dave will compose a letter reflecting support from the SHC and we will review it at our next meeting. Bill reminded us that our mission is to protect the assets of the town.

E) Review of the website was postponed to next month.

**5. New Business:**

None.

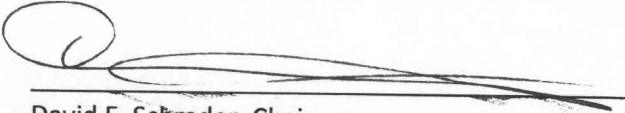
**6. Old Business:**

Lisa Hassler said an extra \$10,000 was appropriated from the CPC Fund for the Deacon-Eldred House. When the RFQ for the Clark-Haddad Building is sent out, the Deacon-Eldred will be included. The total for both properties for funding an architectural assessment is now \$25,000.

Carolyn Crowell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM and Don Bayley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Bayley, Acting Secretary

Minutes approved by the Sandwich Historical Commission, December 3, 2014.



David E. Schrader, Chair