

**MINUTES
of the
Sandwich Historical Commission
April 1, 2015**

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

Present: Members David Schrader, Bill Daley, Jennifer Madden, Carolyn Crowell, Lisa Hassler

1. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Lisa Hassler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2015 as amended. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up:

Lisa Hassler stated that the letter to the Army Corps of Engineers mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting was not sent. At the request of the commission members in February she spoke with Bud Dunham and sent it to the Board of Selectmen. She was invited to attend the Army Corps of Engineers site visit and they stated that if the commission sent the letter requesting a section 106 review it would derail the efforts of the 204 study.

Lisa Hassler reported that she inquired of Patrick Ellis and Bud Dunham about why a member of the SHC was not appointed to be on the team looking into the future of the Wing School. The word received was that a SHC member would not be invited to join the team, but that SHC members are welcome at the upcoming public comment sessions.

3. Public Forum:

None

4. Staff Meeting:

Bill Daley reported on the historic marker program. He initially received a list from the assessor's office of 390 properties that are over 100 years old. There are currently 135 house markers. Since November he has sent an additional fifty letters to homeowners who qualify and received one response. He will continue his efforts.

5. New Business:

Carolyn Crowell brought a photocopied photograph from a newspaper showing an aerial view of the beach restoration done at Town Neck Beach. On it she had marked the approximate location of "The footbridge over Mill Creek" that existed in the 1800s. She had found the posts that supported the bridge while kayaking a couple of years ago. She wondered if the recent work to reopen the creek after sand choked it off disturbed the footings for the bridge.

Lisa Hassler moved that the commission write a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Bud Dunham stating that the responsibility of the SHC strongly suggests that a member of the commission be selected

to serve on any committees that are determining the future of historic buildings. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Schrader suggested that the commission write a second letter to the Board of Selectmen and Bud Dunham expressing our view that the function of the SHC has been short-circuited by failing to appoint a member to the team looking into the future of the Wing School. Bill moved to approve sending the letter and Carolyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Daley moved that future meetings of the SHC be held in a downstairs meeting room of the library (if available) due to the noisy conditions created by the new HVAC system. Lisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business:

Lisa Hassler presented a revised letter to the Army Corps of Engineers stating our support for putting dredged sand on Town Neck beach. It also requests that the SHC be considered as a consulting party and that the Army Corps will include the National Register Historic Districts in the considered impact area in the Section 111 study.

Bill Daley mentioned that the plaque recognizing the men of Sandwich who fought in the Civil War needs to be approved at the May 4 Town Meeting. He also mentioned that the plaque that recognizes all with unmarked graves at the Old Town Burying Ground on Grove Street has been fabricated and delivered to the DPW for installation.

7. Public Forum

Samantha Hendy asked about the status of the Justice Resource Institute project. It was suggested that she check the Sandwich Historic District Committee's website for meeting agendas.

David Schrader mentioned that reprinting Russell Lovell's book about the history of Sandwich will also be on the May Town Meeting warrant.

At 7:06 pm Lisa Hassler moved for adjournment and Carolyn Crowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Madden