

MINUTES
of the
Sandwich Historical Commission
December 2, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Greg Anderson, at 6:05 pm.

Present: Members: Bill Daley, Jennifer Madden, Carolyn Crowell, Lisa Hassler, Greg Anderson (chair).
Member of the public: Don Bayley.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Madden moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2015 as written. Lisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up:

Greg and Bill received a notification from the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce about an upcoming meeting on December 9 at 1:00 regarding the ArtsApp for Cape Cod. They have received a two year grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to enhance the existing app and are looking for feedback from the arts and historic communities at this meeting.

3. Public Forum:

None

4. Staff Meeting:

SHC Website: The procedure regarding inquiries that come in via the website was discussed. It was agreed that Don Bayley (former SHC member and current SHC website manager) will forward questions to the SHC member he thinks is most appropriate to answer them, and cc Greg. Don will talk to the former website managers about getting full access to the site.

Bill moved that Don be made an Associate Member of the SHC and Carolyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EBI and First Church proposal for a Verizon cell phone antenna in their church steeple: Lisa pointed out that when the church accepted CPC funds to repair the steeple in 2007, a preservation restriction was supposed to be signed (the SHC members are aware that the church returned a revised preservation restriction to the town in 2011, but are unsure whether it was finalized by the town). Whether or not the preservation restriction was finalized, the acceptance of the CPC funding precludes the church from adding any new utilities to the site and that any repairs to the area repaired previously would use historic materials and comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation. Since the proposal calls for adding a utility and removing the steeple of the church and replicating it in fiberglass, the SHC does not feel that this is allowable. Greg moved that a letter be written stating our opposition and Lisa seconded. Greg will write a letter and send it to EBI, First Church, Town Manager Bud Dunham, members of the Board of Selectmen and David DeConto. Bill will write to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to see if the preservation restriction was finalized.

NRG Solar Panels: In conversations and correspondence with Bill Daley, NRG indicated that they are aware of the historic stone wall that separates the towns of Bourne and Sandwich and will do everything possible to make sure that it is not damaged during construction. NRG have offered to walk the site with SHC members in the spring. Greg sent a letter of appreciation to NHG as follow-up.

Cedarville Cemetery Fence: Jennifer has started gathering materials to send to companies who may wish to prepare a bid to repair the historic cast iron fence and retaining wall, and researched five companies in Massachusetts who may be qualified to do the work.

Digital Archives: Bill reported that the town has approved a new position for a full-time archivist to work on the library staff. The library director is also preparing an application to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a Preservation Assessment and Collection Identification grant and asked for a letter of support and assistance with the narrative from the SHC. Jennifer will prepare these materials.

5. New Business:

None

6. Old Business:

Bill reported that he called the tree warden and asked him to look at the dying tree in Bayview Cemetery.

Bill has asked Paul Tilton to repair the Jarvesville National Historic District sign on Route 6A that was damaged by snowplowing last winter.

Bill reported that the plaque honoring Civil War veterans from town was dedicated at a ceremony on November 11.

There was a brief discussion regarding the pending application before CPC to add a public entrance to the Sandwich High School swimming pool.

Bill asked Lisa about the plans for the Sandhill School. Lisa will distribute the architect's renderings to members of the SHC.

Greg made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm and Carolyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Madden

Greg Anderson, Chair