

**MINUTES of the
Sandwich Historical Commission
November 2, 2016**

Present: Members: Greg Anderson (chair), Jennifer Madden, Carolyn Crowell, Bill Daley. Member of the public: Deb Rich. Member of the press: Paul Gately (The Broadsider)

Call to order: Greg called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes: Three corrections were made to the minutes of October 5. Bill Daley moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up: Greg reviewed with the Commission the position we have taken on the H.T. Wing School. The SHC wrote a letter on November 5, 2015 to the selectmen stating that the 1927 original buildings are contributing members to multiple historic districts and should be retained. He drafted a follow-up letter on October 26 restating the position which he read aloud. He hand-delivered this letter to the Selectmen's office and Bud Dunham. He also requested to meet with Susan James. He has not received any acknowledgement of the letter or meeting request yet.

SHC received an email from Tom Atkins of NRG regarding the stone wall near their solar build site. This stone wall separates the towns of Sandwich and Bourne, and the SHC expressed concern about the wall during recent conversations with NRG. NRG wished to inform the SHC that Denis Lonergan of Bourne had been spotted repairing the wall without permission.

Greg received a letter from Brona Simon, State Historic Preservation Officer from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the NRG solar site. They state that an archaeological dig is required and that they will undertake a Section 106 review of the project. Greg has requested the back-up documentation that spurred this letter, but has not received any information yet.

3. Public Forum: None

4. Staff Meeting: Jennifer reported that the RFP for the restoration of gravestones in Cedarville Cemetery needed to be cancelled. Doug Lapp received a call from the State Attorney Generals' office stating that since the project involves "disturbing the earth" the project qualifies as a public works construction project and must be rebid under those rules. Jennifer and Doug have had several conversations about the situation, and at this time it is unclear exactly how we will proceed. In the meantime, Kaethe Maguire has been checking with family associations who promised money to the project to secure those funds.

Greg encouraged everyone to go to the Town Clerk's website to see the work the office has done in getting all town committee and commission members listed with their contact information and end of term.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: Bill reported that he is working on historical marker applications for 2 Willow Street and 4 Willow Street, but has run into dead ends in the town archives. He will investigate both deeds through the county registry of deeds.

7. Public Forum: None

8. Other business not anticipated by the chair: Tomorrow afternoon Greg will tape a segment with Joanne Westerhouse at the Sand Hill School in preparation for the preservation of this building on the Town Meeting warrant later this month. Greg offered to speak in favor of preserving Sand Hill School on behalf of the SHC at Town Meeting.

Carolyn made a motion to adjourn, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Madden