

Sandwich Historical Commission

MINUTES Dec 7, 2016

Present: Members: Greg Anderson (chair), Jennifer Madden, Carolyn Crowell, Bill Daley, Lisa Hassler.

Call to order: Greg called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes: Bill Daley moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016. Carolyn Crowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up:

Greg reviewed the letter he sent to the Board of Selectman relative to the SHC's interest in "having a seat" at the discussions regarding the Sand Hill School's RFP.

3. Public Forum: None

4. Staff Meeting:

Sand Hill School:

- Relative to the Sand Hill School RFP process, Bill Daley stated that he met with Joanne Westerhouse and Doug Lapp informally and discussed in general terms the renovation design. Bill said that Doug suggested that Lisa Hassler would be a nice contributor to the creation of the RFP given her perspective from the SHC and CPC. This was by no means a formal request. Lisa said she would be happy to represent the SHC at this table which Bill said only makes sense given her involvement with CPC. Carolyn made a motion for Lisa Hassler to take the lead with the RFP process of the Sand Hill School on behalf of the SHC. Jennifer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- In further discussion, Lisa stated that the architect made an excellent point that a time period needs to be chosen in order to produce a particular look versus of the building to avoid an amalgamation of different time periods. She suggests that more discussion needs to happen as to what period will be chosen. Bill also said that at some point the SHC needs to get into the "nitty gritty" of what style the SHC would prefer for the building. Lisa said that the SGC doesn't need to dictate the time design and that this is what the Board of Selectmen should be managing as long as a period of time has been determined in order for proper design as was done for the Town Hall. Bill said that the SHC should have some uniform position on the design and its name and his preference is that the building should resemble the original school and be named Sand Hill School, retiring the Clark-Haddad name. He noted the redundancy of the Legion Post named Clark-Haddad as well. Lisa stated that the naming of two buildings with the same name could be confusing if both have public function usage. Carolyn stated that her preference is restoring it back to the original school and putting the small windows back on the North side of the building, if possible. She agreed that the name should be Sand Hill School but recognized that the town did vote for the Clark-Haddad name and we would need to recognize that, perhaps with a plaque.
- Carolyn also stated that originally, the flagpole stood in front of the building but was removed when the parking was added perhaps at the time of the school department usage.
- Carolyn made specific mention of Lisa's longstanding hard work on the Sand Hill School restoration/renovation effort.
- Greg voiced concern that CPC funds need to be used properly and in accordance with the Department of Interiors standards. While the SHC should not be policing this process, he cited the cell tower issue at First Church and it's use of materials used during CPC funded restorations and a hope that tighter controls on ensuring proper usage is in place. Lisa stated that her understanding is that there would be more supervision on the Sand Hill School renovation and said that the architect on this project is the same one as the Town Hall. Lisa also said that Steve DeConto mentioned to her that he personally would be providing more oversight on this process.

Cedarville Cemetery:

- Jennifer Madden said that she recommended that Doug Lapp speak with Ivan Magyar who could be helpful in the writing of the cemetery RFP. As he's done before, he could help with verbiage that satisfies all parties. She said Doug is happy to return pen to paper over the next few months in time for the Spring.
- Jennifer went to Cedarville and inspected each stone and made a new list of stones to treat, some of which are in tough shape and posed a safety concern for visitors.
- Greg and Jennifer stated that Doug is owed a debt of gratitude for all of his hard work on behalf of this, and other, projects.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: None

7. Public Forum: None

8. Other business not anticipated by the chair: None

Bill made a motion to adjourn, Carolyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Anderson