

Sandwich Historical Commission Minutes - May 3, 2017

Present: Members: Greg Anderson (Chair), David Schrader, Jennifer Madden, Bill Daley, Lisa Hassler, Carolyn Crowell. Also Deb Rich, Sandwich Archivist.

Call to order: Greg called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** David Schrader moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017 as written. Jennifer Madden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Greg noted that he sent a March 12 email to Tom Keyes, Bud Dunham, and Doug Lapp expressing the commission's pleasure with the NAAC lease for the Deacon Eldred House and wanted to be sure everyone saw it. Carolyn stated that she bumped into Tom at Town Meeting and he mentioned how pleased he was to be part of the new use of this building and noted the significance of some of the items found in the building.

3. **Public Forum:** None

4. **Staff Meeting:**

- Historical Markers:

The owner of 2 Willow Street has expressed interest in markers for both 2 and 4 Willow. Bill stated that in the 1857 map 2 Willow was deeded under D. Jarves name but Bill wanted to go deeper to follow back to the first owner. Based on his extensive research, he recommended the marker read Lurana Adams circa 1850. As for 4 Willow, he is unable to clearly trace back necessary documentation on the home at this address.

Bill made a motion to place a marker at 2 Willow reading Lurana Adams circa 1850. David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Cedarville Cemetery:

Jennifer noted that the bid for the Cedarville Cemetery restoration project has gone out as of today, May 4, 2017. There were 4 bids that have come in so far and the selection process will soon be underway. It is unclear how long this process will go. Greg acknowledged Jennifer's hard work on this project.

5. **Old Business:**

- Greg recognized that Town Meeting voters approved the renaming of the Clark-Haddad/Sand Hill School building is formally renamed to the Sand Hill School Community Center. He stated that this was a big win.
- Lisa Hassler brought the Historical Commission up to speed on the design workgroup progress and decisions made for the Sand Hill School Community Center. The look is going back to the school era and not the American Legion days and Lisa noted the several building details that will be featured and utilized in the new design. On the SHCC issue, Bill noted that while early in the process, he reminded the group that Jennifer was going to assist in an interior memorial of sorts to bring forward narrative and images to

tell the story of the building. Lisa to let Jennifer know when she can get in and look for proper wall space from which she can take measurements, etc.

6. **New Business:**

- Greg stated that he is very interested in learning more about the Commission's involvement of historical assets that are falling apart. Greg indicated that he did research through Town Hall, the by-laws, and the building department. He stated that he is going to speak with Chris Skelly about this and see what municipal precedents are set on this issue. Greg said this he is bringing it up for discussion only to solicit the members' perspective on the topic. Lisa stated that this is a critical issue that the Commission should be involved in. She stated that there are two sides to the story – one is someone, perhaps the elderly, who does not have the means to repair and therefore has a dilapidated structure on their hands. The other is a property owner who can address the issue, particularly in the instances where modifications are done to a structure and proper permits, and approvals are not made. David stated that the first step is to see what other towns are doing on this issue. Carolyn suggested we get an inventory of where these historic homes are in town. Bill agreed. He also noted that some of these properties are inheritance and therefore left in the hands of people who may not have the financial means to make repairs. Lisa also said that maybe we should pursue giving a preservation award for a homeowner who did nice work on restoration. Greg concluded the discussion affirming the Commission's interest in putting a discussion out there to do some more research.
- Greg mentioned that in a previous meeting the Trustees of Sandwich Beaches asked the SHC be represented at their meetings and he expressed input on how this could work. The meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 at Chew. Lisa expressed interest in attending. Greg will reach out to Laura Wing and get their schedule and for our participation.

7. **Public Forum:** None

8. **Other business not anticipated by the chair:** None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Anderson