

MINUTES
of the
Sandwich Historical Commission
July 6, 2017

Present: Members: Greg Anderson (chair), Lisa Hassler, Jennifer Madden, Carolyn Crowell. Members of the press: Paul Gately (The Broadsider), Tao Woolfe (The Enterprise).

Call to order: Greg called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting will be reviewed at the August meeting.

2. Correspondence / Statements / Announcements / Follow Up: SHC received an email from Doug Lapp regarding exterior lighting at the library. The lights near the two main doors will be replaced and the town is looking for feedback about style and size for the new fixtures. The members took a “field trip” to look at the existing fixtures. Jennifer found a historic photo of the library from the 1930s to show the style of the historic fixtures. Lisa and Jennifer will follow up on this.

3. Public forum: none.

4. Staff meeting: Lisa reported that the renovations planned for the Sand Hill School Community Center passed the Historic District Committee meeting. Neighbors were at the meeting and spoke about their desires regarding the parking lot and a linden tree on the property. The architecture sub-committee will look at these issues again.

Jennifer updated the commission about Cedarville Cemetery. Doug Lapp and she met with Michael Gallagher from West Mill Preservation Services in June and he will begin work in mid-July. Work is expected to be complete in mid-August.

Carolyn presented her experience in finding remnants of the Mill Creek footbridge in 1979 that is mentioned in historic town records. Since there will be dredging/regrading work done to the inlet and dunes in the area, she thought it was important that the Conservation Commission know where these remnants are. Greg will reach out to Dave DeConto. Lisa will see if she can find the remains when she is kayaking in the area and photograph them and get GPS locations.

5. Old business: (The information about the Sand Hill School Community Center was included in the discussion in the Staff Meeting section of the meeting.)

6. New Business: Bill was not present to present Historical Marker submissions.

Lisa updated the commission about the FEMA rules as they apply to historical properties. She has learned that if your structure is determined historic by FEMA definitions you are exempt from the 50%

improvement requirement. Lisa will continue to research this and then the commission can write a letter to inform town offices and committees about this important information.

7. Public forum: none.

8. Other business not anticipated by the chair: none.

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm and Carolyn seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Madden