

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MA.
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
FOGG LIBRARY - 7:00 P.M.

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Present: Jim Clarke, Cathy Torrey, Kerri Donnelly, Jenn Donovan, Zachary Gerg

1. Jim opened the meeting at 7PM. Cathy motioned to accept the January 16, 2024 minutes, seconded by Zach. So voted unanimously. Members requested the chair to discuss with staff how to get the agenda emailed to the members.
2. Rice Tavern Update - Jim stated that there are still several options for the building but the proposal by Ken Ryder to move the building seems the best option. However, this is still early in the assessment process and could change. The demolition delay holds until April but the work on the site is still some time away.
3. Newsletter - Kerri reported that the next issue will be out in early March. She encouraged members to contribute stories to the newsletter.
4. Development Update - Staff was not present to provide an update. Eric was attending another meeting. Jim mentioned that the arch at the former South Shore Bank in Columbian Square was not in place.
5. CPC Report - Cathy noted that the annual hearing was held last month. She stated that there needs to be more emphasis on addressing the housing component since funds are allocated to that sector.
6. VFW Hall - Jim suggested that the commission send a letter to the Mayor expressing our interest in being involved in the reuse of the building and programming for the museum. Zach said that we should insist on being a part of the process. Members agreed.
7. Town Clerk Vault - Kerri reported that she had contacted Simmons University about their intern program providing help for the vault project. She is waiting to hear back from the school. Jim said that he would forward the state archivist report to Zach. Kerri gave an overview of the vault setup and the initial work that has been done.

Members discussed approaches to the project. Jenn mentioned that some of the inventory work could qualify as a scout project. Jim agreed to give Zach a tour of the vault.

8. Demolition Delay - Eric told Jim that one of the homeowners was okay with the designation and he had to talk to several others. Jim noted that the state has made a video available of the presentation made earlier this year.
9. Historic House Sign Request, 706 Pleasant Street - The applicants, Susan Donovan and Daniel Golden, thought the house was built around 1881. They noted that Marcy Carsey, TV producer of the Cosby Show, Rosanne, etc., grew up in the house. Kerri made a motion, seconded by Cathy, to approve the request for an historic sign for 706 Pleasant Street. So voted unanimously.
10. Other Business. Jim reported that the Massachusetts History Conference will be held on June 3 at Devens. Jim said that he was still working on how to involve students. Jenn stated that scouts also need projects and to include them. Cathy discussed the work on the Columbian Square intersection and the installation of the new electrical boxes and bollards on the library property. She noted how it would impact the view of the historic Fogg Library. Jim suggested checking whether an historic review was completed based on state or federal funding. Cathy will discuss this with Rob MacLean. Jenn mentioned that placing them in boxes was the cheapest and easiest option.
11. Next Meeting - March 26, 2024.
12. Adjournment - Cathy made a motion, seconded by Jenn, to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. So voted unanimously.



James Clarke
Chair

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Date