



Hingham Historical Commission

Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, Massachusetts 02043

Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
January 11, 2016
Hingham Town Hall
7:00 P.M.

Members Present – Chairman Bob Curley, Huck Handy, Steve Swett, Kathryn Black
Vacancies - 3

Chairman Bob Curley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Town of Hingham Port Security Camera Installation Project

Harbormaster Ken Corson appeared before the Commission to request support for the installation of security cameras in three locations within the Barnes Area/Old Colony Hill National Register Eligible Historic District, which extends along the harbor and up Summer Street. The cameras will be installed on existing utility poles and buildings. The Commission determined that because the cameras are small and unobtrusive, and no new work is needed to install poles or other structures on which to mount the cameras, that the project would not adversely affect the historic district. The Commission voted unanimously to prepare a letter supporting the project. The letter will be included in the Project Notification Form that is being prepared by the Harbormaster's office. The form is required by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for all projects receiving state or federal funds.

Homeowner Education Program

Administrator Andrea Young reported that Jim Macedo, initiator of the program, recruited two other Hingham residents to work with him. The program will be launched in April with an article in the Hingham Journal.

Hingham Then and Now 2016 Calendar - Update

Calendar sales are slow and continue to be available in the Town Clerk's Office and Library.

Almshouse Signs and Memorial

Beth Rockoff reported that Catskill Castings will charge less to make the brass plaque for the boulder than Deveney and White. The Commission agreed that the three signs and the plaque should be ordered from Catskill Castings. Chairman Curley said that he would send an email to

the Selectmen, the Town Administrator and the Assistant Town Administrator requesting that the project be allowed to go forward without an additional presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Andrea Young will provide Selectmen's office with informational packets.

Gazebo - Update

Commissioner Handy reiterated that he continues to be unsuccessful in his attempts to reach Giles Parker, Site Supervisor for the National Park Service. He acknowledged Peter Bickford and stated that Mr. Bickford has generously offered to reconstruct the bottom portion of the gazebo. Mr. Bickford said that much was yet unknown about the installation site on Ragged Island and what site preparation will be required. Other unknowns were how the gazebo will be secured to the island, what materials can be used to reconstruct the gazebo, what accommodations are to be made for handicapped accessibility. Commissioner Handy and Mr. Bickford will need to visit the site. Commissioner Black volunteered to contact former Commissioner Dyer to obtain more information and to ask how best to contact Mr. Parker. Andrea Young said that she would investigate accessibility requirements. She will also speak to the Building Commissioner to determine what, if any, involvement he would like to have in the project. Chairman Curley will send an email to Mr. Parker saying that the Commission is prepared to move forward with the project.

World's End Project

Andrea Young informed the Commission that the Trustees of Reservations will be erecting a maze at World's End. The proposed project includes installation of a temporary sculpture within an approximately 30' x 30' impact area at the southwestern portion of the World's End bar. The sculpture is part of a program to display art in TTOR properties to encourage additional visitors. The maze will be in place for one year. Dirt removed from the site to install the sculpture will be restored to its location when the sculpture is removed. The Commission had no objections to the project and thought it would be positively received by the public.

Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust Applications

The due date for Greenbush Applications is Friday, April 29. Public Hearings will be held on May 16 and June 6. Visits to the project sites will be announced.

Commission Membership

Additional names of those interested in serving on the Commission were provided to the BOS. No appointments have been made.

The minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Curley adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

The next meeting is on Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Young

Administrator