



Hingham Historical Commission

Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, Massachusetts 02043

Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 1, 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.

Book Proposal - Alec Macmillan

Town Historian Alexander Macmillan and *Hingham Then and Now* founder Steve Dempsey asked for the Commission's support for their new book. Their recent publication, Hingham Then and Now featured photographs of the same Hingham scenes from *then* and *now*. The proposed new book will feature Hingham buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries. The Commission will make its documents and other resources available to Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Dempsey. The Commission will be recognized on the book cover.

Hingham Then and Now 2016 Calendar - Update

Remaining calendars will be sold at a discount and will be now available in the Hingham Centre Pharmacy and in A Z Studio.

Almshouse Signs and Memorial

Andrea Young provided an informational packet to the Selectmen. The packet includes pictures and maps of proposed sign and monument locations. Assistant Town Administrator Betty Foley will ask the Selectmen to review the information and sign off on the project.

Gazebo - Update

Commissioner Handy, who is managing the project, introduced Peter Bickford. Mr. Bickford has agreed to reconstruct the gazebo for installation on Ragged Island. Mr. Bickford and Commissioner Handy identified several unknowns regarding the site that would have to be determined before construction on the gazebo can begin. Andrea Young will set up a conference

call to include NPS Superintendent Giles Parker, Commissioner Handy, Mr. Bickford, Chairman Curley and Andrea Young. Ms. Young will also contact the Harbormaster to determine when the Town's boat will be available for a site visit to the island.

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. Andrea Young informed the Commission that not all grant recipients signed grant agreements; those who did not have not moved forward on their projects. Chairman Curley asked Ms. Young to report on the status of the 2015 grants.

CPC Update

Chairman Curley reported that the CPC will make a presentation to the BOS and to the Advisory Committee to provide them with an overview of the projects CPC recommended for funding. At a subsequent joint BOS/AdCom meeting, the CPC will respond to questions and provide more detailed information about the projects as requested.

Presentation Series - Town History

Chairman Curley moved this item up on the agenda. The topic was discussed while Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Dempsey were still in the room. The Commission originally discussed producing a series of videos for HCAM that would provide viewers with information about Hingham's history. The first topic proposed was the history of the Hingham Shipyard. Mr. Dempsey said that he had made a series of videos about Hingham Harbor and the series was nearly complete. He offered to provide his videos for the Commission's presentation series. The Commission was unanimous in its interest to use Mr. Dempsey's videos now and begin work on the Shipyard history at a later date. Commissioner Black will contact Mr. Dempsey to determine what is needed to complete the videos and to work with him to develop a timetable to air the videos.

The minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Chairman Curley adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Young
Administrator