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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – Final

Meeting Date: Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Conference Room A

Members Present: Chair Julie Mockabee, Vice Chair George Slama, Commissioners Melanie Barron and Robert Kelley

Members Absent: Commissioner Jack Duggan, Alternate Sam Lawrence

Staff: Lisa Sherman, YHC Administrator

With a quorum present, Chair Julie Mockabee called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Demolition Request:

50 Park Ave.

No one representing 50 Park Avenue was present. Mr. Kelley moved to approve the demolition of the structure, pushing it back from the road as proposed, and building the new house per the plans shared in the April 14 Yarmouth Historical Commission meeting. Ms. Barron seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Minutes Review

Vice Chair Slama moved to approve the minutes of the March 10 YHC meeting and was seconded by Chair Mockabee. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelley moved to approve the minutes of the March 17 public hearing and was seconded by Ms. Barron. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Ms. Barron moved to approve the minutes of the April 7 site visit and meeting and was seconded by Vice Chair Slama. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Memorial Arch Update

Vice Chair Slama noted the next step in getting the arch repaired is sending out Requests for Quotes, which needs to be done as soon as possible. The arch should be repaired prior to this fall and winter. Mr. Duggan and Vice Chair Slama are going to meet regarding the procurement and work on getting formal bids. Vice Chair Slama hopes to get together with Karen Greene and Svetlana to start the process since the CPA was approved two years ago.

Taylor-Bray Farm

Vice Chair Slama showed an artifact that was discovered at Taylor-Bray Farm when the barn was being excavated. Two foundations with fill in between them was found,

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and this artifact was buried between the stone foundations. It's a scissor-type item, and not sure if it's some sort of tool, part of a piece of farm equipment, a lock, etc. The excavators uncovered a 1910 date on the foundation, so an addition to the barn may have been built at that time. Vice Chair Slama is going to show the artifact to the staff at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History to see if they know what it is.

The excavation team saved a sill which seems to be from the 1820s. Mr. Duggan is going to get a dendrology test done on the oldest wall to help determine the date built. The sill is still solid and could be used to rebuild a column.

Town Seal Update

Since the town seal article passed at town meeting, Ms. Barron asked how we follow up with the town moderator, Ken Mudie. Mr. Mudie was listed as the head of the committee that will be formed to determine next steps with the town seal; Framingham had their moderator as the lead of their town seal committee. Vice Chair Slama has a meeting with Mr. Mudie on May 11 to start the process; Mr. Mudie is anxious to move forward. Ms. Barron pointed out that the moderator was given the authority to select the town seal committee.

Mr. Kelley pointed out there wasn't an organized group who was opposed to the town seal committee, and the warrant was passed overwhelmingly, so dissenters might be discouraged, which will help the process. Vice Chair Slama said we tried to be open and work with the Board of Selectmen throughout so residents would be aware of progress on the town seal research as the process moved forward.

Chris Vincent was very articulate in urging the residents to approve a town seal committee at town meeting. Afterwards, he pointed out to George that the knot on the current town seal is tied incorrectly.

Vice Chair Slama is going to pull together a summary of the next steps, using Mashpee as an example. We can modify as needed, but Mashpee's town seal committee and process is a great starting point. Vice Chair Slama noted that the state seal committee has requested a third extension to review and provide recommendations for changes to the Massachusetts state seal.

Vice Chair Slama requested a town seal update be added to the agenda for the next scheduled YHC meeting (May 12) since he will be meeting with Mr. Mudie the day before and will have some information to share.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Slama moved to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Kelley. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mockabee at 10:28 AM.

Submitted By: *Lisa Sherman*
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Administrator