



TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016

Meeting Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting Place: Hearing Room, Yarmouth Town Hall, 1146 Route 28 South Yarmouth, MA

Members Present: Vice-Chair Sarah Horne; Members: Beverly Barchand, Fred Fries, Janice Norris and Duncan Oliver

Members Absent: Chair Julie Mockabee; Member Kathe Hyslop; Alternate Gina Lombardi

Staff: Beth Vozella, YHC Office Administrator

Guests: Jack Duggan, Talent Bank Candidate

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With a Quorum present, Vice-Chair Sarah Horne called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Talent Bank Candidate Interview:** Jack Duggan present. Duncan Oliver motioned to recommend the appointment of Jack Duggan as an Associate member of the YHC; Jan Norris seconded, **Approved 5-0-0**

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. **Board of Selectman Annual Update:** Scheduled for Tuesday Nov 15 at 6:30. Staff Beth Vozella informed the YHC that Julie Mockabee and Sarah Horne will be presenting the 15 minute presentation which will focus on happenings at the three town-owned properties. Jack Duggan will submit a brief write up on the 2016 archeology dig to Ms. Vozella to be included in the presentation.
2. **29 Scallop Rd.-Salvaged Items:** No progress update because Chair Julie Mockabee was not present.

MINUTES: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Baxter Gristmill:** Ms. Vozella reported that the DPW has submitted an application for dam improvements to the CPC for funding consideration at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Recent vista pruning at the gristmill and neighboring Maplewood property has been completed. Ms. Barchand reported that the CPC is still discussing potentially installing a wheel on the building at some time in the future. She spoke with Karl von Hone who stated that he could find no evidence inside the mill that there was ever a wheel attached. The CPC is tabling the wheel discussion until it's time for the building to go into repair. Mr. Duggan offered to ask an expert on Colonial-era construction that he knows to take a look at the mill.
- **Judah Baker Windmill:** Closed for the season. 1587 recorded visitors. Andy said that the millstone from 29 Scallop Road probably came from a quarry in Westerly, RI because of its pink color. The pattern in the center is from the 1700s; it's a very old, unique millstone.
- **Taylor-Bray Farm:** Ms. Norris reported that the Fall Festival was a success; 60% of attendees toured the farmhouse; Christmas Festival will be 12/3 & 12/4. Unfortunately a site visit for the Commission was not able to be arranged this year. Mr. Duggan reported that approximately 700 hours of volunteer labor went into the archaeology dig this year.

There were indications of an outbuilding discovered, as well as Colonial-era artifacts, a Native American cache pit, Native American pottery, and a 6,000 year-old spear point.

- **Community Preservation:** Ms. Bachand reported on the CPC historic grant applications: St. Pius, Baxter Grist Mill, Indian Memorial improvements, signage in Ancient and Pine Grove Cemeteries, Capt. Bangs Hallett gutters, Kelly Chapel and blacksmith shop roofs, Amos Baker House restoration.

Bass River Community Baptist Church, 88 Old Main St.: The Commission is anxious to move forward with their attempt to contact the owner to discuss the condition of the steeple and any damage that may be resulting from the osprey nest. There is some confusion as to who the current owner of this church is. Ms. Vozella informed the Commission that in October, the Building Commissioner sent an annual inspection notice addressed to the Bass River Community Baptist Church at 88 old Main Street. In an effort to determine who the actual owner is, she will follow up with the Building Dept. to see who is listed as the owner of the church when the application is returned. Mr. Oliver made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bachand to place 88 Old Main Street on the next meeting agenda and to invite the Director of Community Development and the Building Commissioner to attend to answer questions and offer guidance on how to proceed. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

- **Preservation Awards:** None
- **Town Inventory:** no update

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STAFF REPORTS:

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- **Talent Bank Submissions:** None
- **Correspondence:** Ms. Vozella updated the Commission on her research into demolition delays. The Yarmouth Historic Commission does have jurisdiction in the Old King's Highway Historic district with regard to demolition delays. Any demolition application approved by Old King's Highway Commission should be forwarded to the YHC.

MINUTES: none

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **YHC Member Update** – Gina Lombardi submitted her official resignation with regret.
2. **2017 Meeting Schedule** – No changes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm; **Adjourned: 5-0-0**

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 3:00pm

Posted by: Beth Vozella
Beth Vozella, YHC Office Administrator