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**Minutes of the Sandwich Historical Commission  
January 8, 2020**

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**Present:** Members: Lisa Hassler (chair), Ellen Carlson, Jennifer Madden, Bill Daley, Carolyn Crowell, Greg Antman, Rich Claytor, Joanne Richardson. Members of the public: Deb Rich (Town Archivist), Maria Nye

**Call to order:** Chair Lisa Hassler called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**1. Review and approval of the minutes:** The December minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**2. Correspondence/Statements/Announcements/Follow Up:** In an email to chair Lisa Hassler, Matt Schimmel said that the Holly Days tour went well and much positive feedback was received. He thanks Ellen and Bill for their help. If anyone has comments or suggestions, please email him.

Bill attended the CPC meeting on January 6. On the agenda was the proposal for the sale of the Wing School to a developer who will turn it into affordable senior housing, and if the CPC will approve the request for \$2.65 million to support this project. No one from the investment company was at the meeting to answer several questions that arose. The CPC postponed action until next month.

**3. Public forum:** none.

**4. Staff meeting:** No Sandwich history this month.

Maria Nye has expressed interest in serving as an alternate on the SHC. A motion to support this nomination passed unanimously.

**5. Old Business:** Jennifer reported that Leanne Drake has found a historic preservation specialist with expertise in cemeteries who can read our IFB for restoring the metal fence at Cedarville Cemetery and the gates at the Old Town Burial Ground.

Ellen reported on our application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for a grant to support hiring a consultant to update the town's Historic Preservation Plan. The initial inquiry has been approved, and the next step is to submit the full grant by February 10. Rich Claytor volunteered to assist. The grant will ask for \$15,000; another \$15,000 has been approved by the CPC. We will learn about the outcome of the grant by March 11. If successful, we must be under contract by July and the work must be completed by June 30, 2021.

Lisa shared the progress she has made in making a master list of all historic properties in town. She has consolidated information from the town, information from MACRIS, and Bill's list of houses with historic markers. This list will be the roadmap to start going through the Town Archives. Joanne and Maria volunteered to help Deb with this project. All buildings built before 1920 need to be included. The inclination is to start with the buildings that don't have any historic asset files in the Town Archives since they have the least protection.

**6. New Business:** Bill volunteered to manage the preservation awards this year. He envisions applications being due in June or July and the awards presented in September or October.



**7. Public forum:** none

**8. Other business not anticipated by the chair:** Bill continued a discussion from December about the SHC taking positions on the preservation of historic buildings in town. The members agreed that we should be doing this. The process would be: in advance of the date of the public meeting where the building will be discussed, the SHC will discuss and vote on whether to take a position on the building in question and why, appoint a spokesperson to attend the meeting who will state the opinion of the SHC. This will be on the agenda each month.

This led to a discussion of what the town plans to do with the Town Hall once they move to the new building. No plan has been publicized so far.

Rich updated SHC members about the house at 1 Harbor Street that he bought with Ross Vander Pyl. They are working to uncover the original parts of the building and have found that the oldest part dates from the eighteenth century. There is a rumor that this section of the house was brought over from Nantucket. He will see if he can verify that. The plan is to restore the house, protect it with a conservation easement, and sell it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Y. Madden

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November 6, 2019

Present: Members, Lisa Hassler (chair) Greg Antman, Ellen Carlson, Barbara Kelley,  
Carolyn Crowell  
Member of public: Dave Sampson (Chair, Board of Selectmen), Deb Rich (Town  
Archivist)

Call to order: Chair Lisa Hassler called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

1. Review and approval of the minutes: The October minutes were unanimously approved with one change in Paragraph 4, Brenda's name was mis identified as Barbara.
2. Correspondence/Statements/Announcements/Follow up:
  - a. Election Historic District Committee – November 26, 2019
  - b. Historic Preservation Roundtable discussion – November 21, Cape Cod Commission
    - i. Located in Barnstable office – topics: Alternative building materials and updating historic Resource inventories
  - c. Grant for exterior renovation projects 1:1 grant open to non-profits (1772 foundation – Preservation MA)
3. Public forum: Dave Sampson visited our meeting and was available for questions
4. Staff meeting: Welcome to Brenda Kelley and Rich Claytor who are now officially regular members.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Cedarville fence update – Kaethe and Jennifer met with Leanne Drake and Frank MacDonald regarding the application. They are proceeding. Leanne suggested having a historic preservation expert read the application to be sure that we have covered all the bases. Thanks to Ellen who provided some helpful information from her colleagues.
  - b. Sandwich walking tour – Total donations were \$520 split evenly between the Historical Commission and the Historic Society. Tours were split between Bill Daley and Ruthe Lew. An estimate of 134 visitors enjoyed the tour.
  - c. Sandwich list of properties over 100 is continuing to be revised.
  - d. Historic Preservation Plan – vote to approve draft for submission 11/18/19 passed unanimously. Decision for invitation for full application will be made by Massachusetts Historical Commission by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Boardwalk plans available online, Wing school proposals will be presented tomorrow night, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
6.
  - a. Historic Marker – Bill Daley. Edward or Henry Dillingham house. 9 Water St., Asset #243, Ursula Leahy. Table the application for 9 Water for next meeting, motion made by Greg and seconded by Brenda. Deb will scan and Lisa will forward packet to everyone.
7. Adjourn at 7:17

