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**Minutes of the Sandwich Historical Commission
June 1, 2022**

SHC Members present: Julia Blakely (chair), Mahlon Peterson, Jennifer Madden, Matt Schimmel, Mary Lynch, Joanne Richardson, June Murphy

SHC Members not present: Richard Claytor, Brenda Kelly, Lisa Hassler

Call to order: Julia Blakely called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Review and approval of minutes: The minutes from the meeting on May 4 were unanimously approved as amended.

2. Correspondence/Statements/Announcements/Follow Up: none

3. Public forum: none.

4. Staff meeting: Julia distributed a list of contact information for regular and alternate members of the SHC for proofing. There are currently openings for one regular member, and two alternates. Mary Lynch stated that she is interested in moving from an alternate member to a regular member. A motion to this effect passed unanimously. In addition, a motion to appoint Jennifer Madden as Secretary for another year passed unanimously.

5 New business: 13 Church Street – On June 13 the Sandwich Historic District Committee has two items relating to this property on its agenda – one for demolition (which has already taken place), and another for building a new home on the site. After discussion, members voted to authorize Julia to send a statement from the SHC regarding this property and the relations between the SHC and SHDC to be read into public comments for this meeting.

On a related note, the Board of Selectmen will be voting on Thursday, June 9 on Lisa Hassler's application to be a member of the Sandwich Historic District Committee. If she is approved, she will be a voting member of the Sandwich Historic District Meeting on June 13.

SHC and social media: Julia would like to see the SHC make more posts on the Facebook page to demonstrate the purpose of the SHC and publicize our activities. Each member is encouraged to generate appropriate content and share other historic posts that they come across.



During this conversation the topic of the historic marker program was raised. Former member Bill Daley managed this for the SHC. June Murphy is interested in taking over this program with help from Joanne Richardson. Before the July meeting each member should look at the application and come prepared with suggestions for any changes they think are warranted.

Walking tours of Sandwich, PocketSights and Sandwich Community TV: This item was not discussed since Lisa Hassler was not present.

July meeting date: It appears that we will have a quorum for a meeting on July 6, so it will be held as scheduled.

6. Old Business: Page about CPA funding for the website – SHC members reviewed a document drafted by Lisa Hassler and Leanne Drake regarding work to historic properties that have received Community Preservation Act funding. Once a building receives this type of funding, a deed restriction is placed on the building to protect the public investment in that property. This application will be required for any subsequent work to these buildings.

7. Public forum: none

8. Other business not anticipated by the chair: Mahlon mentioned that the film done by video production students at Sandwich High School regarding the Wing Forthouse will be done soon. He also mentioned that the historic marker approved for his home is complete and installed.

Julia encourages members to participate in any historic workshops offered by the Cape Cod Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Y. Madden