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Minutes of the Sandwich Historical Commission

August 10, 2022

SHC Members and Alternates present: Julia Blakey (JB-Chair), June Murphy (JM), Brenda Kelly (BK), Joanne Richardson (JR), Mahlon Peterson (MP), Matt Schimmel (MS), Rich Claytor (RC), and Lisa Hassler (LH). Guest in attendance: Candy Thomson (CT) .

SHC Members and Alternates not present: Mary Lynch, Jennifer Madden

Call to Order: JB called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

1. **Review and approval of minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of July 6, 2022 by BK, Seconded by MP, passed unanimously.
2. **Correspondence/Statements/Announcements:** 1) Regarding the Sandwich Boardwalk project, the SHC is requesting to be an "consulting organization" in the "Section 106 Review" by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (COE). 2) Nancy Titcomb requested more information from the SHC on her property, the William Freeman House; JR and JM to do more research. 3) BK reviewed discrepancies between MACRIS and the Town's Assessor's records. 28 properties over 100 years old contained discrepancies, the SHC membership to review the list provided by BK. 4) JB reported that the Hoxie House should really be referred to as the Smith [or, Smith-Hoxie] House, due to the long and prior ownership of the later. The Town Recreational Dept was aware of this request but has decided to defer action. 5) JB reported on the COE's Silver Jacket Committee, working with the Cape Cod Commission. The Committee has selected three towns on the Cape to access vulnerability of historic properties to climate change: Provincetown, Falmouth and Sandwich. The group will review five or more potential historic structures vulnerable to increase flood risk in Sandwich; a few of the potential candidates were discussed (Wing Fort House, Town Hall, among others). SHC to send suggestions for properties to JB.
3. **Public Forum:** CT is happy to be at the meeting and supports the work the SHC does and the COE's Silver Jacket program, as she is familiar with their work from Ellicott City, Maryland.
4. **Staff Meeting:** The official Town Roster is updated and there are four vacant alternative positions on the SHC.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. MS presented example text for Jarvesville Historic District QR Code for the historic sign marker that could also be linked to walking tour being developed by Sandwich Community TV with the help of the SHC. SHC to review text for the next meeting.
 - b. Historic Cemeteries: No report, defer to next meeting.
 - c. Protect our Past (POP) has a new documentary film "Love Letter to Cape Cod." SHC would like to sponsor a showing of the film , preferable at the Historic Town Hall, perhaps on October 8, 2022. SHC will work with POP to finalize the date and location.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **13 Church Street Demolition:** The SHC reported on the decision by the SHDC to deny both the demolition and rebuild applications. The SHC agreed to update our letter to the Old King's Highway Regional Commission supporting the denial for the upcoming appeal hearing, but it turns out that the Regional Commission does not accept any new statements or information.



- b. **Marker Applications:** JM reported out on her progress on automating the application process for markers (on-line form) for the SHC website. JM also reported that 175 markers have already been issued, and 82 more homes are likely eligible for markers. 5 existing markers are in disrepair and should be offered for replacement. MS stated that the Visitors Service Board might also be a good source of funding for the replacement markers. The Commission agreed that the historic markers currently identified as being in disrepair and needing replacement will be funded out of the SHC's funds.
 - c. **Treasury Report:** None.
- 7. **Public Forum:** CT reported on the need to make sure that walking tours (and signs with QR codes) are as accessible as possible to those with disabilities.
- 8. **Other Business not anticipated by the Chair:** None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by MS, Seconded by MP at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard Claytor