



**Medway Historical Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Medway Senior Center**

Members in Attendance: Gene Liscomb, Cher Hamilton, Jeanne Johnson, Bruce Hamblin and Paul Russell **Members Absent:** Kathleen Hickey
Visitors: John & Cynthia Shea, Attorney Paul Kenney (22-24 Evergreen St.)
David Spentner, Mr. Silverstein, Robert Pace (Stockwood Realty) (42 Highland St.)

The meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:35 PM

I. Demolition Applications and Property Questions
22-24 Evergreen Street-Medway

In 2016 a public hearing was held on this property. It was determined 22-24 Evergreen Street, should be preferably preserved. A 9-month demolition delay was issued and expired in 2018. The owners were asked to do whatever possible to save the home as the Historical Commission determined it is somewhat important to Medway's history.

The Building Commissioner, Jack Mee, asked the Historical Commission to review and confirm by letter that as much as possible has been done to preserve the home before a demolition permit is issued.

Paul Kenney, Counsel, was present, along with the property owners to discuss and to confirm they have done everything in their means to save the property. Mr. Kenney read a list of steps the owners have taken since the 2016 public hearing. Mr. Kenney explained the property is vacant, all utilities have been turned off, and there is a signed Purchase and Sale Agreement on the property. The sale can not proceed without this letter from the Historical Commission.

In a motion made by Gene Liscomb and seconded by Paul Russell, the Historical Commission unanimously agreed that they are satisfied that the 22-24 Evergreen Street home owners have complied with the by law. There will be no further involvement by the Historical Commission as it is not necessary or required.

Jeanne will prepare a letter for Building Commissioner Mee and to the owners' Counsel, Paul Kenney, as requested.

42 Highland Street

Mr. Silverstein, Mr. Spentner and Mr. Pace were present to discuss the property located at 42 Highland Street. This house was considered by the Historical Commission in 2016. It was determined at that time that although over one hundred years old, the house was not in a historic district, was not unique in design, had no one living in it who was significant to Medway's history.

Currently Mr. Silverstein and Mr. Pace are exploring the possibility of a 4-lot subdivision, possibly 3 to 5 houses on 6.8 acres of land. There are wetlands, setback and frontage issues that are being considered.

In a motion made by Paul Russell and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Historical Commission unanimously determined the property at 42 Highland Street is not historically significant.

Jeanne will send a letter to Jack Mee, Building Commissioner, advising him of this determination.

April 3rd minutes: In a motion made by Bruce Hamblin; seconded by Paul Russell the Historical Commission unanimously approved the Minutes from April 3, 2019 as presented.

Treasurer's Report:-Gene Liscomb explained nothing to report at this time.

CPC: Gene Liscomb said there was no CPC meeting in May.

Grant: Paul Russell explained a meeting accepting the grant for Evergreen Cemetery hasn't been scheduled by the Massachusetts Historical Commission yet.

House Plaques: Cher Hamilton has been working with the vendor. She showed samples that have been prepared. Potential cost, make-up of the signs and sizing were discussed. The vendor has agreed to predrill holes and provide screws with the final product. It will need to be determined if a town seal will be placed on each sign or just an option for residents to purchase for an extra fee. Cher will present to the Historical Society as a possible fund raiser and discuss again at the next meeting.

Town hall model: Paul Russell has spoken to Pedro, the computer design teacher at Medway High School. They do 3D designs. Paul brought in some pictures and is working on design options. Maybe they can print out pieces and build a model that way instead of spending several \$thousand on a professional hand-made model.

Other Business:

Deed-restricted property: Marisol Molina sent Jeanne Johnson an e-mail message regarding repairing the hose tower. Jeanne suggested, as she has done before, that Ms. Molina get estimates and present them to the Historical Commission and they could very likely obtain funds from CPA to pay for this badly-needed repair.

Idye House meeting: Cher Hamilton met with Town Administrator Michael Boynton and Maryjane White, Town Clerk/Selectman and Allison Potter, Assistant Town Administrator. Discussions on the use of the Idye House were the top of the meeting. TA Boynton would like to form a committee with a representative from Historical Society, Historical Commission and CPC, to help determine good uses for the building. The town is waiting for the Historical survey to come back to see if the building is feasible to use as a museum etc. Bruce Hamblin offered to volunteer for that committee.

Memorial benches: Paul Russell met with Richard Parrella, member of the Memorial Committee, regarding placement of stone benches at Evergreen, Oakland and St. Joseph's cemeteries. The Veterans were asked to determine what wording they would like on the benches and the Historical Commission will pay for them with funds already designated for this project. Mr. Parrella was pleased that he was asked for input prior to installing the benches.

In a motion made by Bruce Hamblin; seconded by Gene Liscombe the Historical Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved June 5, 2019

