

Braintree Historical Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2016
Johnson Chambers – Braintree Town Hall

Present: Elizabeth Mees (Chair) Kate Nedelman-Herbst
Paul Carr Al Varraso
Ron Frazier

Also Present: Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM

New Business:

Historic Districts and Survey: Christine explained that this will require a CPA application put together and quotes obtained and commented her office is in a very busy time and might be awhile until they can get to this project. Members asked about the Sylvanus Thayer retirement house if that could be included. Christine asked how far in depth they wanted to go from Washington Street and it was agreed to go to the MBTA tracks. Paul Carr asked if the house at the corner of Weston Ave and Washington would be included, it was the former Hunts Potatoes Chip owner's home and had some beautiful gardens at one time. Christine noted the original survey was over to Route 37 from Washington Street.

Elizabeth Mees commented this needs to get going soon it is important and we need to get the other survey on-line for the public. Christine asked the question if the property owners need to provide approval for it to go on-line and the members commented it is public record and should be fine. Christine will try and work with BELD over the summer to get it on the website.

Old Business/Updates:

Adams Park: Christine reported that Craig Barnes has been trying to meet with the Mayor to review the narrative of the kiosk posters for his approval – last she heard they were meeting. Ron Frazier commented that John Dennehy should be consulted on the historical accuracy of the narrative – he is presenting this coming Thursday 3/10/16 about the Adams and someone should reach out to him. Christine said she would email Robyn in the Mayor's office to pass information on.

Elm Street Cemetery: Elizabeth said she had received information from Linda Raiss for hiring a Clerk of the Works to handle the wall and fence portion of the project. Paul Carr questioned what has changed that CPC seems to be overseeing the project. Ron Frazier explained that Linda Raiss has taken an interest to it and is moving things along to reach completion. Elizabeth informed members of a potential discrepancy on the boundary line that is being researched and hopefully can be addressed by the engineering department to determine the limit of work.

Demolition Delay – nothing to report. Members will be discussing with Mayor on 3/28/16.

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Kate Nedelman Herbst arrived at 7:20PM

Gallivan House – nothing to report – Members asked staff to check with Christine McIntyre if she has had any success with the State.

Old Thayer Library – Christine reported that the Council approved the supplemental budget request for funding to have a cost estimate performed on the concept design to try and answer different boards/committees questions for the total cost.

Union School – Christine reported that the RFQ/RFP had been solicited however an inquiry from the bid protest unit of the Attorney General's Office had questioned the process undertaken and suggested it be re-solicited – Christine is in the process of doing this and hopes to have it out soon.

Other – Ron Frazier questioned what is the status of the feasibility study with the Central Fire Station and wants to make sure they are aware of the need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness before any exterior work is undertaken.

Administrative

Ron Frazier **MOTION** to accept the minutes as revised for 11/2/15, seconded by Al Varraso – unanimously voted.

Ron Frazier **MOTION** to accept the minutes of 2/1/16, seconded by Al Varraso – unanimously voted

Members briefly discussed the items they wished to discuss with the Mayor at the 3/28/16 meeting and the Chair will put an agenda together to have sent to the Mayor before the meeting.

Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Al Varraso – unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney, Director
Planning and Community Development