

Braintree Historical Commission  
Minutes  
**Wednesday, June 4, 2019**  
Fletcher Hall – Braintree Town Hall

**Present:** Elizabeth Mees (Chair)                      Santina Giannino  
                 Ronald F. Frazier                                      Rayna Rubin

**Also Present:** Paul McNeely, Architect for Thayer Academy  
                 Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development

7:03 PM Meeting convened

**Old Business:**

***Gallivan House*** – Christine reported the legal department still has the historic preservation restriction for review. Ron Frazier asked the staff to find out whatever happened with the amendment to the Local Historic District amendment that would have included the Gallivan House and the Bean Park. Ron Frazier **MOTION** to approve endorsement of the Gallivan House Preservation Restriction, once released by the legal department, by the Historical Commission members, seconded by Rayna Rubin – unanimously voted. Ron noted members could come into the Planning and Community Development Office between meeting if needed to sign once staff gets it from Legal.

***Elm Street Cemetery*** – Christine reported that the solicitation for the topper should be out shortly hopefully to be completed this summer. Discussion turned to what remains to be done in the cemetery – the tombs, monuments and some left over head stones from the Drollett work due to insufficient funding. Members recommended that Derek begin working on an application for CPA funds to address the remaining items.

***Other*** – Christine informed members that representatives from ***All Souls Church*** have been in to prepare another CPA application for funding as a result of their building assessment that was completed with MHC funds for stabilizing long term the historic character of the building. Chairperson Mees reminded members that we established Guidance Rules for Historic Preservation funding request to CPC – Christine acknowledge it has become part of the application given to potential requesters. Ron Frazier commented that he doesn't feel it legal for churches to obtain CPA funding. Christine noted it is not the church per se but the building that is being historical preserved and that many other churches have had similar CPA funded projects and they are allowed to apply and it will be up to the CPC members to vote. Ron Frazier reminded members he is the Commission's designee on the CPC. Member asked if the policy could be pulled out for the next meeting to review. Christine also noted that the ***Thayer House*** has obtained state funding to replace the roof however they will still need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission as part of the project before the work can start.

**New Business:**

**7:15 PM Public Hearing: Certificate of Appropriateness – Proposed exterior scoreboard at Thayer Academy.** Chairperson Mees read the legal advertisement published in the Patriot Ledger and sent to abutters about the project and public hearing. Christine noted that the scoreboard has been installed already but covered over with a tarp until approved by the Commission. Representing Thayer Academy, Mr. Paul McNeely provided handouts to the members about the project. Ms. Rubin asked why Thayer representatives are not present at the meeting as well?

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Mr. McNeely explained that the scoreboard was a donated by an Alumni family and it was not apparent to the facilities folks that it was a structure that required approval. The scoreboard got installed in anticipation of a dedication that happened over a week ago and rather than remove it, the Headmaster called the Mayor and asked if it could remain but not be used until the location was either approved or disapproved by the Commission. Members noted that another scoreboard exists on the site and that was never approved by the Commission. Christine noted that now that permit applications to inspectional services is on-line other departments can comment – before Inspectional services just issued permits. She flagged this one and noted to the Building Inspector it required Historical Commission approval. Santina Giovanni asked if there had been any comment from the abutters and Mr. McNeely noted that with the exception of a few houses – Thayer owns most of the residential structures that abut the site. The scoreboard is directly behind one of Thayer’s properties. Staff had made some recommendations as to the operation of the scoreboard that she suggested the Commission may want to include if incline to approve. Ron Frazier **MOTION** to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of the score board per the application site plan conditional on the following: 1) Illumination of the scoreboard shall only be during game time; 2) It is a single face scoreboard any modification shall require Commission approval and 3) a surveyed plan of the location to the property lines be provided before it can be operational, seconded by Santina Giovanni – unanimously voted. Mr. McNeely thanked the Commission and left. Members discussed recent improvements similar to the scoreboard that have accidently gone up with no review and asked staff to send a letter to the Business agent and facilities folks to come to the September meeting for a discussion on why this continues to happen.

C. Stickney left the meeting to attend another meeting upstairs

**Administrative:**

No summer meeting are scheduled the next meeting will be September 9, 2019. The May 13, 2019 minutes needed some revisions – they were put over to the next meeting.

Ron Frazier **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Rayna Rubin – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development