

Braintree Historical Commission

Minutes

December 6, 2010

Thayer Public Library

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

Also present: Joseph Powers, Town Clerk
 Christine Stickney, Director of Planning & Community Development.
 (Arrived at meeting 7:50PM from Town Council Meeting)

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM

Community Preservation Project - Town Clerk, Joe Powers

At the Commission's previous meeting (11/1/10) questions arose relative to the project and what was considered historical. Members had asked the Town Clerk to attend this meeting to clarify the project. Town Clerk Powers explained the project and the funding for each component which include capital funding he is seeking from the Town Counsel. Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to find the records are historically significant and should be preserved, seconded by Al Varraso - unanimous vote.

Elm Street Cemetery – Barbara Donohue:

Ms. Donohue called staff at 6:30PM stating she was unable to make the meeting and would come to the next meeting for her presentation.

Preparation of regional meeting for January 24, 2011

Members reviewed the draft flyer and approved its distribution to the general public. Ron Frazier asked about a press release? Christine explained the general process for releasing information to the media of events that the department follows that she intends on beginning before the holidays.

CPA applications: Historic Inventory & American Legion

Elizabeth Mees reported on her and Al Varraso visit with the CPC last month Al Varraso provided Christine with an itemized list of improvements that the Legion had accomplished over the years in support of their request for CPA funding. Members also discussed the historic inventory forms and the possible annual request. Elizabeth is going to prepare a map that shows the structures of interest for the inventory forms.

Progress report Gallivan House – LHD amendment

Paul Carr asked about the progress with the Gallivan House and the peer consultant's work – Christine reported she had not heard from Mr. MacMillan and needs to pursue a report with him. Elizabeth Mees reported that she has been able to secure an intern to draw plans pro bono for the house and the future goals. Paul Carr also reported that the

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East Braintree Mural will be going to Carmichaels in January to begin the restoration project.

Progress report on Old Thayer Library

Christine reported that the structural engineers will be doing a site visit 12/7 looking with particular interest in the attic regarding the roof. Christine and Elizabeth also reported on their meeting with Jack Glassman from BH+A and the handouts provided – members were given four sets of potential scenarios. Christine explained the four sets and some of the issues discussed in the meeting concerning, universal accessibility (chair lift) and restrooms and change of use of the main entrance. Elizabeth Mees explained the issues with the building code and what can and can not be done. Members were asked to review the plans for a further discussion at the next meeting.

Administrative

Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to accept the minutes of 11/1/10 with minor revisions, seconded by Ron Frazier – unanimously voted.

Ron Frazier **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Carr – unanimous vote. The next meeting is 1/3/11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney