

## WHC meeting June 5, 2019

<u>Present:</u> Angela Dunham, chair, Cheryl Knapp, clerk, Pam Foley, Barbara Smith, CPC liaison, Kaye Naylor; Len Boutin, Treasurer. Johanna Rowley not present.

<u>Guests</u>: Audubon Society, Gina Purtell, Sanctuary Director for SouthCoast Sanctuaries, Stu Weinreb, Dir. of Capital Assets, Bob Wilber –Dir. of Land Protection for 226 Great Neck Rd. Wareham, MA

**<u>Demo Delay Hearings</u>**: all are postponed until our July 3, meeting:

49 Warren Point Rd, Wareham, MA

59 Main St. Wareham, Buzzards Bay Coalition:

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: town \$195. gift \$1318.73 Vote to accept: 6-0-0 <u>Minutes</u> read and accepted for April 3, 2019. Vote to accept 6-0-0

<u>Tremont Nail Co</u>- there is much paperwork and information Tremont Nail Co at the Library, Lynda Ames is working with Angela on separating the papers to see what we need to keep with our records.

Historic Plaque program. One plaque to be delivered

**Donations-** none

## Other business:

Len Boutin has been re-appointed to the WHC.

<u>Budget purchase discussion</u>: Angela researched companies that sell -acid free boxes- to store our important town plans from the 1920's-60's. The "Gaylord Archival" company is her choice to purchase these boxes from. Vote to buy them and use our \$195 for the purchase vote to accept: 6-0-0.

The Building Inspection Department at Town Hall has gone paperless and gave no one any information on how to use their new portal. We need paperwork in order to do our job so we made a motion to have Angelowork with Matt Underhill IT to revise the WHC demo delay application process that is in place on line at this time 5-0-0. (Len had to leave.)

WHDC meeting on SCHG Tobey homestead and new ER expansion: "Certificate of Appropriateness" has been issued.

226 Great Neck Rd Presentation: We viewed a slide show of the property: The buildings are very outdated and not up to code. The Audubon Society cannot use the buildings and as a nonprofit they cannot afford to even heat the buildings. They wish to demo all buildings. There are a total of 7 buildings including a boathouse on the water that floods at moon high tides. They would like to save the Chapel to be used for their projects in the future if possible, and maybe retain the breezeway and part of building to the right of it that houses the law library. They need to keep all one level for all accessibility and all accessible trails around. If they are not able financially to restore some buildings then all will have to be demoed. They expect to have the answer to the financial need soon. They are final bidding the contracts for demo at this time. Their goal is to use the land eventually, part of it for a camp for kids. Kaye mentioned wanting to see all figures before anything is demoed and believes the Chapel can be saved along with other buildings. We all agreed that it would be wonderful to save as much as possible of the older buildings especially.

Map ID: 25//1000// Tot Ac 118.71 -owner of record: Congregation of the Sacred Heart in Fairhaven c/o Treasurer's Office, PO box 111, Fairhaven, MA 02719, but has been purchased by the MA Audubon Society. Main house -18 bathroom and 3 half baths, 46 rooms. Retreat center has 29 bedrooms. A Conservation Restriction encumbers 93.06 acres.

Angela told them that we will have a hearing with the media here to get more people interested in the project the Audubon Society has for this property and their needs for funding that are pertinent, to promote the society and make the public more aware. We will plan to have a workshop with Judy Whiteside and brief presentation.

Barbara said she is concerned about plan A and Plan B to demo with not getting funds; Kaye too and Pam sid the Chapel is not an historic building but the Manor house is and wants to see something to delay that and document the building and see more info on the actual historical buildings. So we will ask for a tour for us all and see pictures of all buildings. Kaye made motion for the whole WHC to tour the Manor and any other historic buildings on the property. <u>Vote to set up a time for tour: 5-0-0</u>

Meeting adjourned 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Knapp, clerk