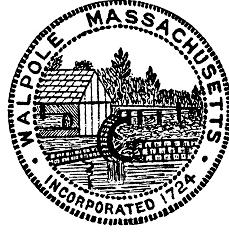


APPROVED

**Members**

Samuel D. Obar, Chair  
Christine M. Cochrane, Vice Chair  
Kathleen A. Birtwell  
George B. Ransom  
Roger F. Turner, Jr.



**Walpole Historical Commission**

Walpole Town Hall  
135 School Street  
Walpole, MA 02081

<http://www.walpole-ma.gov/walpole-historical-commission>

A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on March 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Walpole Town Hall, Room 116.

**The following members were in attendance:**

Samuel Obar, Regular Member, Chair  
Christine Cochrane, Regular Member, Vice Chair  
Roger Turner, Regular Member  
George Ransom, Regular Meeting  
Kathleen Birtwell, Regular Member

**The following guest was in attendance:**

Timothy Higgins, Town of Walpole Economic Development Director

Chairman Sam Obar calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**Appointments**

Mr. Higgins introduces himself to the board and gives a brief background. Mr. Obar expresses he would like an open line of communication between Mr. Higgins and the HC. Mr. Obar also requests support for the HC when initial meetings occur between applicants and the town to insure the applicants are provided the process of the HC involving structures 100 years old and older. The HC would also like to be cc'd on decisions of the ZBA and PB and for the HC be included on the sign off sheet for applicants. Mr. Higgins will review the application process and meet with David Norton, the Building Commissioner. Mr. Higgins states he was not hired as a town planner but will be doing some duties of a planner. Mr. Higgins further explains that he will be looking at the parking situation downtown and will use grant money to do this. A potential sticker program may be put into place.

**Correspondence**

HC received a book of the State Register of Historic Places 2017.

**Open Forum**

None

### **Old Business**

Mr. Obar informs the HC that the Finance Committee will be discussing the Demolition Bylaw change and funding for a HC secretary on 3/26/18 at 7pm.

Mr. Obar shares Town Counsel's opinion that if the bylaw change is accepted at the Spring 2018 Town Meeting it will become valid when the Attorney General signs it. This will affect the current Demo Delay time of 1350 North Street and 777 East Street (Walpole Woodworkers).

Mr. Obar reports it is a long shot for the Norfolk County Agricultural School to move and accept the house located at 1350 North Street.

Mr. Obar shares "Moving A House with Preservation in Mind" by Peter Paravalos – a helpful resource and information for the future.

Mr. Obar reports that Bob LeBlanc is familiar with the Bird Family Memorial Area and will follow up with him because this site needs to be preserved and the town should take over the site.

Finally, Mr. Obar has delivered the National Register of Historic Places plaque to the MBTA and a ceremony needs to be organized for late April or early May.

### **New Business**

New Member Recruitment - Justin Caron of Summer Street is potentially interest in joining the HC and he will be invited to attend a future meeting of the HC.

2018 Goals - Tours, Clean the HC office, Plaques

### **Adjournment**

At 7:10 pm George Ransom makes a motion to adjourn. Roger Turner seconds the motion.

**The motion is approved 5-0-0.**