

## **Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting February 8th, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

Members present: Jacqueline Dormitzer, Suzanne Wadsworth, Julia Gleason, Mark St. Onge, Megan Elder, Noel Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

### **Update on Captain's Walk project**

Jackie connected with Harbor Committee chairman, Tim Davis. At this point it's not entirely clear where funds would be sourced for the work. If the Cohasset Harbor Inn project doesn't move forward, the Captain's Walk project may not be able to progress either. The CPC may be asked to provide funding next year if we decide to go ahead with the Captain's Walk project. The Historical Commission will put this project on the "backburner" for now. (We'll actually revisit at our meeting on Monday) Noel added that Tim's plans are vast and it could be years before that plan comes to fruition; the Commission may want to be cautious about attaching any Commission objectives to the Harbor Committee's objectives.

### **NR Listing for Cohasset Savings Bank**

The bank and its owners are in favor of moving forward with this designation. There is a great deal of work and detail needed to move forward once the Massachusetts Historical Commission determines the bank is eligible for this listing. Jackie has access to a document started by David Wadsworth 20 years ago regarding NR listing for this property which should help. Jackie is currently taking next steps here.

### **Cohasset Historical Commission Booklet**

The project is moving along slowly, but the sub-committee is feeling encouraged. The group has narrowed down what components the booklet should include.

The book fund from the sale of Cohasset history books may be able to help fund this publication. Jackie shared that she has used online printing companies in the past and it has worked well - this is worth exploring for its cost-efficiencies.

The group discussed promoting other Cohasset history books in the booklet. Those reading the booklet would likely be interested in related publications.

Facebook and the website for the Historical Commission were two ideas on where the booklet could be promoted.

The booklet needs a strong cover picture. Many ideas were discussed, but the group landed on the clock/steeple of the First Parish church. The time connotation seemed fitting.

## **Management of Cohasset Histories at Town Hall**

The histories are currently stored at Town Hall in the basement.

- Narrative Histories of Cohasset 1, 2 , and 3
- Treasury of Cohasset History and Savor of Salt (the latter should have a reprint next year)
- Origins of Cohasset
- Exploring Historic Cohasset (a lot left)

There is currently \$18k in the Book Account. Jackie described the process for selling the books and depositing the funds: When the Historical Society or Buttonwood Books places an order (by email or phone), we prepare an invoice, gather the books, and deliver them. Usually we are paid by check right away. We then fill out a form provided by the town treasurer and include our book fund account number so we can be credited with the amount; bring the form and the check to the treasurer at Town Hall; retain a copy of the form for our records; and take the stamped form to the finance director. We also update our inventory of books, deducting the books sold from the latest numbers.

Jackie would like to start moving these books. The group discussed ideas on where to promote and sell them besides using the booklet being created: They could be brought up at a Select Board meeting so that group is aware; we could create a website to promote and sell; use social media; contact real estate agents and suggest the books are included as “welcome” gifts for home buyers; send letters to new home buyers; and sell at farmers markets.

## **Unanticipated Business**

Update on 1 Pleasant Street: The Commission had decided a while back that it approved the move to tear the building down, but had been curious to know what was going in its place. The property developer, Paul Sheerin, shared plans and wanted the Historical Commission to confirm that it had no objections to his plan. Noel expressed concern that any discussion on prospective plans were outside of the Commission’s jurisdiction. The Commission voted to notify Mr. Sheerin that it had no objections to razing the building at 1 Pleasant Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Elder, Secretary