

**Dracut Historical Commission Meeting Minutes,  
December 18, 2019**

**Present:** Dave Paquin, Chairman

Louise Tremblay

Linda Kawa-

Patrick Cox- Absent

Marc Gosselin

Henri Marchard-

Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, at The Historic Building, 1660 Lakeview Ave, Dracut, MA.

**Community Input:**

None

**Minutes**

Linda Kawa made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Marc Gosselin seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Demolitions**

No requests

**Communications:**

Chairman Paquin stated Ms. Ware sent him a letter from Russell Pandres, from the Coalition for a Better Acre that was addressed to Ms. Ware. The letter states, the Mass Historical Commission did not award State Historic tax credits equity to the Dracut Historic Commission for the August 2019 round that we applied for.

Although MHC rarely awards the first time around. We are working through MHC's request with our architect and Historic consultant and plan to apply again for the January 15, 2020 round. With the new application, comes a need for updated letters of support once again. The deadline for the support

letters is January 8, 2020. Mr. Paquin stated, hopefully they will be more successful on this next round.

**BBFC:**

Chairman Paquin explained, at the last Thursday's meeting, Eighty percent of the agenda was reviewing the master plan. They were presented drawings to look at.

They sent the plans back to engineering and them, are going to apply the trail overview to the plans and also are going to segregate and identify all the issues that we had for using various parts of the property.

They allotted a community garden but did not put any details in it yet. They are waiting for a report from Ms. Tremblay on that.

Mr. Gosselin explained he has heard rumors that they want to tear down the house. Mr. Paquin stated, that is not true. It was just put out for people to apply to own the house. That will be sometime in January.

Mr. Gosselin asked if there are going to be restrictions on the house. Mr. Paquin stated, there are 14 pages of restrictions on it. They have all been drawn up and approved by the attorney.

Mr. Marchand asked if the house is all buttoned up and sealed currently. Mr. Paquin stated, yes. They spent \$40,000 somewhat Thousand Dollars redoing the roof, replaced the chimney. A French drain where water was infiltrating into the basement and the gutters have been replaced. The restrictions pretty much pertain to the exterior of the building.

Mr. Paquin explained the committee have backed off a bit on what people can do to the interior of the house because it's going to be a big investment and a lot of work for anyone who buys it and lives in there. It needs to be appealing to the buyer and what they want to do themselves inside.

**New Business:**

Chairman Paquin explained, at last month's meeting it was brought up by the Town Clerk, the Clock that is at the Dracut Library, is part of the Harvey Gagnon Estate and it's worth a lot of money.

Ms. Kathy Graham, the Town Clerk reached out to Mr. Paquin to make him aware there is nothing in writing in the Town Clerks office that they have found stating who owns the clock, even though we all know Harvey Gagnon did.

Mr. Paquin stated, he thinks there is something, somewhere with the Gagnon family.

Chairman Paquin explained, on a follow up from that discussion at last month's meeting. Mr. Patrick Cox, Mr. Gagnon's Grandson, brought in the agreement for exhibition that Harvey Gagnon had drawn up. Mr. Paquin stated his signature is also it on behalf on the Historical Commission. Mr. Paquin asked the secretary to give the Town Clerk a copy for her future records, so we can put this issue to rest.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Treasures Report:**

**None**

**Bills:**

DWSD \$ 300.00 for a full year.

Linda Kawa made a motion to pay the bill. Marc Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Next Meeting: January 15, 2020 at 6:00pm**

Louise Tremblay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Henri Marchard, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

