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**CHELSEA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 3, 2018**

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I. Call to Order

The Chelsea Historical Commission was called to order by the Chair, Ronald Robinson, at 6:34 on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in room 101 of City Hall, 500 Broadway, with the following members in attendance: Ron Robinson, Lee Farrington, Fran Mascolo, and Alison Sheppard.

Also present: Elijah Romulus, Planner/Land Use Administrator.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2018 & March 6, 2018

On a motion made by Alison Sheppard and seconded by Fran Mascolo it was voted unanimously (4-0-0) to continue approval of the minutes to May.

III. City Manager Tom Ambrosino

At the request of the Historical Commission, City Manager Tom Ambrosino came to speak to the Commission. Tom spoke of the need the city has of the Historical Commission because they have a part in creating access to the CPA funding. 10% of CPA funding every fiscal year goes to historical preservation, while multiple actors can apply for the funding the Commission comments on whether or not it is Historical in nature. He would like to see the Commission list some priorities in regards to Historic Preservation for the next 2-3 years. The city currently has 2 historic priorities:

1. *The Garden Cemetery* goal for a 5 year rehabilitation plan. City has \$50,000 set aside to fix the retaining wall.
2. Rehabilitate the Civil War memorial by City Hall.

Fall is the time to accept proposal for the fiscal year 2019. And Tom thanked all Commission members for serving. Alison asked about the Demolition Delay bylaw and Tom mentioned bringing it to the Council on May 21, 2018.

IV. Discussion of Historical Commission Elections

On a motion made by Lee Farrington and seconded by Fran Mascolo it was voted unanimously (4-0-0) to continue the discussion of elections to May.

V. Historical Objectives

The Commission discussed various objectives they would like to act on. Ron mentioned The Chelsea

Creek does not have the recognition it deserves as a historic battle in the revolutionary war. Lee has a report on it.

The Commission decided on five priorities:

1. Plaques for historically significant places around the city,
2. Signage on all the incoming entrances to the city,
3. A proposal for a Historic Site Survey and apply for CPA funding in the fall,
4. Developing a relationship with the Massachusetts Historical Commission,
5. Organizing the archives at the library.

On a motion by Lee Farrington and seconded by Alison Sheppard it was voted unanimously (4-0-0) to agree on the objectives.

VI. Communications

Chris Swistro sent her letter of resignation to Tom and will no longer serve on the Commission. The Commission then discussed how to better follow Robert's Rules of Engagement.

VII. Planning Department Updates

A letter we received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, MHC, titled: *Chelsea Soldiers' Home Community Living Center, Demolition of Quigley Building, Powder Horn Hill, 100 Summit Ave, Chelsea MA; MHC# RC. 62527* and dated March 28, 2018. In part the MHC's recommended stipulations includes:

The VA will solicit input from the Chelsea Historical Commission and the local community in recreating the visual effect of the existing water tower at another location within the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

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VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Lee Farrow and seconded by Ron Robinson, it was voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn. Adjournment was at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Chair

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