



Town of Salisbury
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RING'S ISLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MINUTES:

May 31, 2017 at 5:00 at Ring's Island Community House, Fourth Street , Salisbury.

Meeting opened at 5:10

PRESENT:

Diane Dondero
Gary Knight
Ray Pike
Lance Wisniewski

Item 1 Schedule (dates/times) and location for next meeting

Ray Pike will be in touch with Chris Skelly @ Mass Historical Commission to schedule a meeting on Ring's Island in July, looking at a time period of 7/18-29. Once we have Mr. Skelly's response, we will make the date for July's meeting.

Item 2 Discuss response from Mass Historical Commission

Chris Skelly was in touch with Ray Pike. He is happy to meet with us on Ring's Island and mentioned that he is a month out. He also welcomed us to the MHC Boston office.

We will reach out to him to schedule a July meeting.

Item 3 Discuss base map of the Historic District Study proposed area

Ray presented a "color-coded" map of Ring's Island homes and their build dates. Newer homes were not included.

Item 4 Discuss Community House alternative uses

The discussion repeated previously mentioned ideas for uses, e.g., community-based functions, photographic displays, try to find ways to counter community house take-over.

Item 5 Discuss Survey questions, strategy, schedules.

Ray distributed a sample survey questionnaire. The hope is that we can start thinking of survey questions that pertain to Ring's Island and email them to other committee members.

Comments were made about reaching out to neighbors to get an idea about people's impressions of the changes on the island before we send out the survey.

Item 6 New Business, Items not on the agenda

Ray Pike distributed a copy of National Trust for Historic Preservation's "10 steps to Establish a Local Historic District " and a list of the Massachusetts Historic Commission members.

Gary Knight will speak with Ted Nelson about getting information for Newburyport's link to their historic district attempt. (She spoke to Rings Island last year).

Next Steps

- Schedule a meeting with Lisa Pearson (Ray Pike, Bobbi Klima, Diane Dondero). Good days are Monday and Tuesday after 2:30.
- Continue markup of the RI map identifying parcels that might/should/could be in a RI historic district (everyone)
- Continue conversations with RI residents about nay concerns they have about the character of the island and the future of the community. (everyone)
- Prepare Google Doc to record results of conversations with RI residents. (Chris Hillios)
- Possible meeting w/Lisa Pearson to discuss bylaws and other options to "protect us".

Item 7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Other Items not on agenda

Discussion about creating a community feeling and also addressing community

issues.

- real sidewalk needed on First Street