



PAUL REVERE HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of
Monday, May 4, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Remote meeting held via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 913 5174 3143

PRHC Members and PRHC volunteers participating on Zoom meeting:

Victor Del Vecchio, Chairman PRHC
Nichola Gallagher, Canton Public Schools
Lisa Lopez, Chair of the Open Space Committee and PRHC Sources of Revenue
Bruce Beckham, Citizen At Large (via speaker phone)
George Comeau, Community Preservation Committee
Fred Fairfield, PRHC Marketing Committee
Emily Prigot, PRHC Wayfinding/Interpretive Signage
Pamela D'Agostino, PRHC Wayfinding/Interpretive Signage
Julia Volfson, PRHC Marketing Committee
Louis Jutras, Town of Canton IS Dept.
Joyce Stenmon, Preview Room Committee
Rachel Agiorgitis, PRHC Administrative Assistant

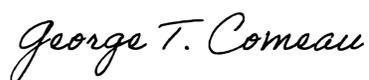
Time	Item	Speaker
7:00 PM	Acceptance of prior Commission meeting minutes The Minutes for the meeting held on February 24, 2020 were not voted on, as a quorum was not present.	V. Del Vecchio
7:05 PM	Preview/Exhibition Room Update Nichola Gallagher reported that she has been in touch with the designer, Dan Wallis of The Square Office, and also has a call scheduled with him for later this week to receive a presentation of the full concept design. Once the specifications are completed for the design, it can go out to bid. Ms. Gallagher added that she appreciates the designer's approach and the creativity and thought that has been put into the project so far. Joyce Stenmon added that the meeting with Mr. Wallis was good and he has great ideas for the "clusters". The Committee expects to have a lot more information by the next PRHC meeting in June.	N. Gallagher

	<p>Bruce Beckham reported that there are corporations in Canton that are interested in contributing to the Preview Room and Museum. Two of Canton’s innovation companies, Organogenesis and Sika Sarnafil have expressed interest and more information will be forthcoming.</p>	
7:10 PM	<p>Status of Rolling Mill Renovations- Restaurant Chairman Del Vecchio recently spoke to Daniel Myers, the co-owner of the Paul Revere Heritage Site’s restaurant, Northern Spy. Although his Cambridge location has closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, he is still optimistic about the new Canton venture. Mr. Myers also expressed the same sentiment to the Town Administrator, Charles Aspinwall, and confirmed that he is looking forward to opening the new restaurant. There are details to be discussed, such as how to phase the start-up.</p> <p>Daniel Myers has also committed to hosting the Canton High School Class of 1970, which has agreed to push their reunion to July 25, 2021 in order to hold it at the Northern Spy.</p> <p>Mr. Myers indicated that he will not require any federal funding. Although certain milestone dates will need to be pushed back, that is understandable as most things are being pushed back due to the COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Status of Rolling Mill Renovations- Ship Replica PRHC hired a model ship expert on Cape Cod, Model Ships by Thomas J. Lauria, to repair and restore the replica of the USS Constitution that is being donated by a local resident. It will be ready for installation next month in the double-height space, able to be viewed from both the restaurant and Preview Room.</p> <p>Status of Rolling Mill Renovations- Site and Facility Chairman Del Vecchio presented a photo slide show of current conditions at the Paul Revere Heritage site and described the progress. The Main Patio remains the same and the landscaping is underway. The entrance to the Museum has been constructed and there is a space carved-out for the interpretive sign panel. The air handler was delivered to the site recently. The kitchen is being outfitted with its equipment, which is quite impressive and was acquired at auction from L’Espalier restaurant in Boston. The interior restaurant finish work is proceeding, including booths and woodwork. The second floor now looks a bit smaller, as space was allotted for restaurant supplies and air ducts. The air ducts were discussed at length to choose the best location. Outside, there is already a paved pathway connecting to Canton Junction. Unfortunately, trucks are still driving over the lawn areas, which needs to be addressed.</p>	V. Del Vecchio

7:15 PM	<p>Update on launch of “Paul Revere Day” Grand Opening and Fundraiser</p> <p>Chairman Del Vecchio emphasized that the Grand Opening depends mostly on Daniel Myers and the restaurant’s opening. Right now, the outdoor park site is closed. It seems obvious that a Grand Opening will not happen in June, but perhaps the aim can be for September 2020. The PRHC can address this matter again at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Lopez added that the Commission also needs to decide how to deal with people using the site now and since the park is not officially open. This could be a liability.</p>	V. Del Vecchio
7:20 PM	<p>Legislative Update</p> <p>The Revere & Son Heritage Trust Corporation legislation (H.4442) is moving along at the State House. There were some edits made, due to deleted references. The legislation was moved on the schedule and may go through an informal or formal session before being sent to the Senate. Chairman Del Vecchio remains cautiously optimistic that it will be finalized and passed soon.</p>	V. Del Vecchio
7:25 PM	<p>Sources of Revenue Committee Update</p> <p>Ms. Lopez is hoping for notice in June from the State as to the status of the PRHC’s application for a Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) grant. If received, the PRHC will be able to move forward with the Master Plan, which will help solicit new funding. Ms. Lopez added that the news from Mr. Beckham regarding the two companies interested in the project comes at a very good time.</p>	L. Lopez
7:30 PM	<p>Further Revisions to Development Agreement</p> <p>Chairman Del Vecchio reported that adjacent lots to the site are in the process of being transferred, as the Town has agreed to accept some small parcels. The parcel of land for the “over 55” community needs to be transferred to Arista, as well as the affordability guidelines, rental status, etc. Arista has agreed to a forever easement to be added to the sublease for Northern Spy restaurant. This is due to a small sliver of land that was inadvertently left out of the transfer and recorded plan. The Board of Selectmen signed an agreement for additional AV equipment to be installed on the second floor, which will include two laser projectors able to project and create a variety of special effects.</p>	V. Del Vecchio
7:35 PM	<p>Landscaping Update</p> <p>No work has been taking place inside the buildings, per the Board of Health. However, the landscape crews and Garden Club have been hard at work. There will be two signs with park rules to be placed in locations</p>	L. Lopez

	<p>decided upon by the Open Space Committee. They will be installed by Public Works at the time when they install the interpretive sign panels. Emily Prigot added that one rules sign has been printed and another one can be made.</p> <p>There have been some very lively discussions regarding the bridge, as members of the public either “love it or hate it”. It is an industrial design and the surrounding area has not been landscaped yet. Painting the bridge a bold color may be a way to make it an iconic landmark. This issue will be discussed further at the upcoming Open Space Committee meeting and then brought to the PRHC.</p>	
7:40 PM	<p>Interpretive Signage Update Ms. Prigot reported that the interpretive signs are done and have been sent to the printer. Previous to fabrication, the designer submitted a “collage” of all of the sign materials and colors, which was approved by the Committee. Today, Ms. Prigot annotated a map with the sign panel locations and submitted it for approval to Chairman Del Vecchio and Billy Walsh of the Public Works Department. She is happy to schedule a site visit to review. Chairman Del Vecchio complimented the Sign Committee on a job well-done and gave kudos to Emily and Bernie.</p>	E. Prigot
7:45 PM	<p>Vice-chair Position: review candidates and vote The vote could not be completed, as a quorum was not present.</p>	G. Comeau
7:50 PM	<p>Next Steps and Future Meeting The next meeting is proposed for Monday, June 8, 2020, which will be another remote access meeting. Items to be shared at the meeting can be submitted to Chairman Del Vecchio or Louis Jutras.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned.</p>	V. Del Vecchio

Respectfully submitted,



George T. Comeau
Clerk