



## MINUTES

### **PAUL REVERE HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Remote meeting held via Zoom  
Monday, July 13, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

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#### **PRHC Members and Volunteers participating on Zoom meeting:**

Victor Del Vecchio, Chairman PRHC

Nichola Gallagher, Canton Public Schools

Tom Scully, Planning Board

Lisa Lopez, Chair of the Open Space Committee and PRHC Sources of Revenue

Bruce Beckham, Citizen At Large

Emily Prigot, PRHC Wayfinding/Interpretive Signage

Louis Jutras, Town of Canton IS Dept.

Joyce Stenmon, Preview Room Committee

Pam D'Agostino, Signage Committee

Rachel Agiorgitis, PRHC Administrative Assistant

Mike Nourse, Historical Commission Representative

Melissa Mayer, Conservation Commission Representative

Gene Boylan

Carl Lavin

Brett (last name not posted)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Acceptance of prior Commission meeting minutes</b> The motion was made and seconded to approve and accept the Minutes from June 8, 2020, which was unanimously approved by roll call, 5-0.	V. Del Vecchio

7:05 PM	<p><b>Interpretive signage update</b></p> <p>Ms. Prigot has gathered together the sub-committee for the next set of site signage. She is not sure how many signs will be needed, but the sub-committee will work closely with the Open Space Committee to avoid clusters. Chairman Del Vecchio added that funding is available for more signs, perhaps more than we need. With that in mind, the group has considered putting signs off-site in Canton to engage the public on a wider level. Ms. Lopez reported that the Contractor on site has confirmed that he would install artifacts on the knoll near the bridge, which is one location that invites signage. Another sign needed is a second “Rules &amp; Regulations” sign.</p>	E. Prigot
7:10 PM	<p><b>Preview/exhibition room update</b></p> <p>Ms. Gallagher reported that the Committee met to review the list of items and stories to be displayed. They prioritized the elements of the narrative they wish to tell. Choices were made to create an interesting and appealing exhibit. Display techniques, such as projectors, are being considered as well as animation. A list of categories has been developed, and this can be provided to anyone who would like a copy. The Committee needs to apply to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to obtain the rights to use the image of Paul Revere as depicted in the portrait by John Singleton Copley. Ms. Stenmon agreed that the recent Committee meetings have been productive and clarifying, as they strive to make an engaging sensory experience. Ms. Gallagher added that she has spoken to Mr. Beckham about the Innovators Display, and they have moved the location to the right of the model of the USS Constitution. Mr. Beckham said that the Innovators Display will be a great way to greet visitors as they arrive and ascend the stairs. The visual of the model ship will not be blocked. Related to the audio-visual aspects of the exhibit room, the Committee has asked Mr. Jutras to take a look at the “ghost box” and how it should be set up, which is currently located in Mike Trotta’s office. The box was contributed by the New York Historical Society and works as a double monitor display.</p>	

7:15 PM	<p><b>Status of Rolling Mill renovations</b></p> <p>Chairman Del Vecchio reported that he spoke to the Contractor, Bernie, and progress is being made. The goal is to be open by August, or September to be conservative. The Contractor said that the interior painting will begin soon and the hardwood floors are on their way. A question was raised by Daniel Myers of the restaurant regarding whether or not the wood floors should be installed before the HVAC is complete to avoid expansion of the wood in the heat. Chairman Del Vecchio will investigate this further. The restaurant team is picking out their counter top. Unfortunately, the equipment needed to install the counter will require vehicles that will cause some minor lawn damage, which will need to be repaired. Also, Chairman Del Vecchio said there have already been inquiries to use the site for events. In addition, the Town’s consultant for traffic studies will be preparing a report on the parking needs for the site.</p>	V. Del Vecchio
7:20 PM	<p><b>Update on launch of “Paul Revere Day” Grand-Opening and fundraiser</b></p> <p>Mr. Beckham presented a summary of the meeting he had recently with Melissa Mayer and Daniel Myers regarding the opening of the Northern Spy Restaurant. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed original plans. The priority now is to generate excitement for the future. Mr. Myers is aiming for a “fall” opening and was no more specific than that. He is waiting on reports for his Cambridge location. Per Phase 4, the Governor has said that a vaccine must be found for restaurants and bars to open fully, which may not happen until 2021. Mr. Beckham went on to say that we are all living in “The Land of I Don’t Know” and we must communicate that clearly so as not to disappoint. Perhaps, small, targeted events with less fanfare will be able to take place. However, such small events may inadvertently leave out people by mistake. Mr. Beckham concluded by recommending we leave all gatherings on the “back burner” until Fall 2021 and reserve dates now to avoid conflicts. He emphasized that the conversation with Mr. Myers was very positive and he is excited and 100% committed to moving forward with the restaurant. Ms. Mayer agreed with Mr. Beckham and</p>	M. Mayer

	<p>said that they expressed support to Mr. Myers, for his high caliber restaurant to survive and thrive. She added that although things are frustrating right now, when we are released from quarantine, it will be a big celebration. Ms. Stenmon asked if there could be several small events in the Spring and people could choose which one they'd like to attend. Mr. Beckham replied that he did not know yet, but he and Ms. Mayer would be putting together some possible scenarios.</p> <p>Chairman Del Vecchio took a moment to remind everyone how far they have come. So far, the PRHC has preserved the historic buildings, established a Town green, renovated the buildings, installed signage, partnered with a restaurant group, cleaned up the contaminated site, and added a residential community. These major projects are all done or are well underway. The grand celebration will have to wait and in the meantime, small events may be possible. He praised the group to keep up the good work and to remember that we can do it, we will move forward.</p>	
7:25 PM	<p><b>Legislative update</b>  Secretary of State, Bill Galvin, reported that the bill is in the Senate, with July being the last month for a roll call before August break. Once the legislation is adopted, the Select Board has sixty days to identify the first five members of the new non-profit (which may consist of up to twenty-five people). A job description is in development as well as the goals of membership, with fundraising being the most important goal. The new non-profit will be tethered to the Town, but will also stand on its own. A small group will first be identified and then those initial members will chose others to join.</p>	V. Del Vecchio
7:30 PM	<p><b>Sources of Revenue Committee update</b>  Ms. Lopez reported that the Mass Cultural Council grant, which was recently awarded, is currently being processed. This process has been slowed by the COVID-19 restrictions. Looking forward, the Request For Proposals (RFP) process will begin this fall. The Board of Selectmen agreed to fund \$35,000 which</p>	L. Lopez

	added to the grant amount of \$30,000, will be \$65,000 in total to fund a robust search and base of planning for the museum. Chairman Del Vecchio added that although it is not the best time to open a museum (due to the current COVID-19 restrictions), it was always planned to be a 3-5 year process.	
7:40 PM	<b>Open Space Update</b> No new update at this time.	L. Lopez
7:45 PM	<b>Next Steps and Future Meeting</b>  August 31, 2020 is proposed for the next meeting.  Meeting was adjourned.	V. Del Vecchio

Respectfully submitted,

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