



**City of Chelsea**  
**Historical Commission**  
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**CHELSEA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

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**I. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Chelsea Historical Commission was called to order by Vice Chair, Alison Sheppard, at 6:10pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in Room 102 of Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 with the following members in attendance: Alison Sheppard, Fran Mascolo, Ron Robinson, Bobby Pereira and Allen Meringolo. Allison Cuneo arrived at 6:15pm.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2019**

On a motion by Fran Mascolo and seconded by Bobby Pereira, it was voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting.

**III. Individual Project Proposals**

Allen Meringolo explained that his responsibilities and functions as liaison to the CPC would encompass his project. The CPC is in the process of initiating its first round of applications for funding. Public workshops on February 6 and February 9 will outline the application process which begins with the submission of a Project Eligibility Form that is due on February 13. The commission will review the Eligibility Forms at a Public Hearing on February 21 and applicants will be notified in early March. Full applications are due on April 3.

Alison Sheppard would like to determine a way to create a clearinghouse or portal to display all historic projects. One possible suggestion is to create a link on the City's Historic Commission webpage. She would also like to work with Ron Robinson on the Chelsea Black History Walk self-guided tour and outreach to Chelsea Schools.

Ron Robinson just recently completed an exhibit at Gallery 456 for Black History Month where he highlighted three historical Chelsea figures: William J Williams (former Alderman), Fannie Fayerweather (slave of the Cary House), Francis Irene Ford (taught at two HBCU's, owned numerous properties in Chelsea). Ron will conduct research on the houses they lived in and see if they could be put on a Historic Register. Ron will also continue developing the Chelsea Black History Walk



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with the intention of creating a brochure, a self-guided tour and outreach to the Chelsea Schools (Alison Sheppard to assist).

Fran Mascolo would like to focus on the archives in the Library and the roving archivist program. Contact information for Sarah Gay, Chelsea Librarian, was given.

Bobby Pereira would like to increase the awareness of Chelsea's historical assets and create excitement and momentum around that. He would like to leverage the network of GreenRoots and will contact Roseann and Maria to discuss the idea of creating a forum or workshop focused on Chelsea's history.

Allison Cuneo wants to focus on increasing transparency and making information more accessible. She would like to see the Historic Commission webpage have more content on how to submit for a historic registry, what defines a historic district, the demolition delay ordinance, etc.

Ron Robinson had suggested providing information on the process for tax incentives for historic properties.

Fran Mascolo mentioned that since its founding Chelsea has been a maritime city and the importance of highlighting that.

Allison Cuneo talked about figuring a way to make information from MACRIS into a more user-friendly format, potentially working with the Assessor office to create a checkbox for historical properties. She also echoed Bobby Pereira's suggestion for the need of more public outreach events.

6:53pm Ron Robinson departs

7:00pm Bobby Pereira departs

It was determined that action items for the next meeting on March 5 will require a specific timeline for projects with specific tasks.

#### **IV. Planning Department Updates**

Fidel Maltez with DPW is submitting an application to the CPC for \$50,000 to restore the Civil War memorial. He will likely be invited to the next Historical Commission meeting to describe the project.

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**V. Adjournment**

Fran Mascolo will not be present at the meeting on March 5 due to eye surgery.

On a motion by Fran Mascolo and seconded by Allison Cuneo, it was voted (4-0-0) to adjourn. Adjournment was at 7:16pm.

Minutes approved

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