

Preservation Society of Pawtucket

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PSP Mission Statement:

The PSP, through educational programs and community service, shall discover, memorialize, and preserve the history and architecture of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

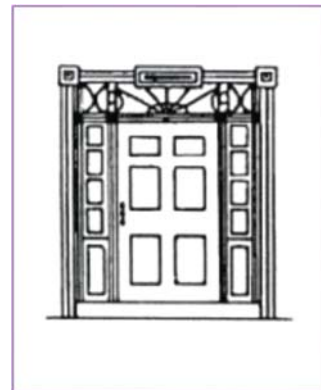
PSP Update

We have sold the Baker-Hanley house (67 Park Place) to the Samaritans of Rhode Island. We can assure you that the house will be in the hands of people who appreciate its importance as an historic house and will properly care for it.

Both the Pawtucket Library and the Public Archaeology Laboratory have invited us to hold our board meetings in their buildings, and we are grateful for their steadfast support.

We are still renting the Spaulding House through AirBnB and all of our guests have enjoyed staying in the house. Not only is the revenue keeping us from bankruptcy, having the house occupied is good for us and for the neighborhood. We will soon turn our attention to investigating options for the long-term care of the Spaulding House.

We are sifting through ideas about the kinds of programs and activities to host this year. If you have an interest in a specific topic or format, let us know. We encourage all feedback and suggestions, and would enthusiastically welcome anyone who would like to participate in the planning.



Upcoming Events

We will host a series of walking tours beginning in June through the Fall. The tours will focus on each of Pawtucket's neighborhoods and the two historic cemeteries.

We are planning a series of talks and lectures on various topics, to be held at the Spaulding House and other locations.

We will share all the details of both series as soon as the dates have been chosen. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and other media for information.

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Our New Direction

In this past year, the board has come to terms with the fact that our organization is in a desperate financial situation and that the old model of relying on memberships will not keep us going. Though we own two historic houses, which are major assets, we don't have the cash to maintain them. Furthermore, building management absorbs all of the time and energy that our volunteer board members can devote. Instead of planning activities about preservation and history, that we and the community might enjoy, we spend our time cleaning and repairing houses, for the sake of our tenants. Our ownership of these houses is one way to preserve them, but not the only way. They are draining the resources of the organization, and while we might be preserving these two houses, this has unfortunately become our only function. We the PSP board members have agreed that the work of historic preservation should be adaptive, and not prohibitive. Historic preservation can have an important role in a city that is growing and changing to accommodate new people, new traditions, and new ideas, but we need to adapt along with the city.

We have simplified our mission statement. Actually, we've reclaimed a former mission statement, one that we think is a more accurate description of what we want to do. Our goals are to educate and serve the community by helping to memorialize the city's history. To us, that means finding ways to bring the knowledge and appreciation of the past into the future.

We will remain a non-profit organization, but will become a donor-supported organization, without asking for memberships. This decision was based on three significant factors; 1) We have not been able to offer benefits that are specific to members, and we don't want to require that anyone be a member to participate in our programs. 2) We are a volunteer board, without an office manager or executive director. Maintaining a mailing list of individuals in different categories requires a great deal of organizing and coordination. We want to manage only one mailing list of constituents, and therefore recognize every contribution with the same level of gratitude.

We've agreed that the organization's by-laws are unnecessarily complex, and will revise them to reflect a less formal and more approachable organization. We sincerely hope you will embrace and support these changes. We invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions.

We, along with all of Pawtucket, were saddened by the passing of Mayor James E. Doyle. Mayor Doyle was an integral supporter of the PSP who helped many of our past programs be successful. For that, we want to recognize and remember him.



In the Community

Working with Blackstone Valley and Central Falls

Pawtucket is not an island, so we are hoping to expand activities to include Central Falls, and also work more closely with nearby organizations who have similar interests Blackstone Valley Historical Society.

Historic House Marker Program will continue

Any building or structure within Pawtucket that contributes to the architectural or historic character of the city will be eligible for a historic plaque. All applications will be reviewed by the PSP board.

Hose Company No. 6

The old fire station at 636 Central Ave. has most recently operated as a restaurant. The PSP is saddened and disappointed to know that the building's owners plan to demolish it. Our Darlington neighborhood walking tour will feature this historic building.

As President, I want to publicly thank each of the board members for their service, particularly during this past year. Though faced with ongoing challenges, they have generously and consistently donated their time to the organization. Without their work, the PSP would not survive today. It has most definitely been a cooperative effort, and I am extremely grateful for their contributions.

Extra thanks to our Treasurer David Hansen for facilitating the successful sale of the Baker-Hanley House. The Samaritans of Rhode Island have been our long-time friends and tenants, and we are thrilled that the building will be used and cared for by people who fully understand its architectural and historical significance. We also had the support of the city's Planning Department and the Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency. We are truly grateful for their interest in the building, and for their generosity in guiding us through the selling process.

2016 Annual Report

36th Annual Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2016

Gately Building

2 Bayley Street, Pawtucket, RI

Community Forum

Miriam Plitt, Chair of the Pawtucket Arts and Ordinance Commission

- PAOC and PSP have worked together on exhibits on the first floor of city hall. The display on the city hall tower received very positive reviews. A future exhibit will focus on "40 years of Art in Pawtucket." Local artists were asked to contribute. Ideas for other exhibits can be forwarded to either organization.

Dylan Zelazo, Chief of Staff in the Mayor's office

- There will be a bond question on the November election ballot to repair the City Hall Tower. It will request \$5 million for full repairs. PSP members were asked to research and vote on the issue.

Andrew Pierson and Linda Weisinger from Pawtucket Central Falls Development (PCFD)

- Renovations of the Gately Building (2 Bayley St.) are nearly finished. Farm Fresh RI will move their Harvest Kitchen training program into the first floor.
- In 1914 Annie Gately had a clothing shop in the building, along with various other businesses. The Providence Journal had a Pawtucket office here, there was a watch shop, and also a candy shop. PCFD began renovations in 2013; there are thirteen spaces available for rent, in addition to the community room. The building has been given a historic marker by the Preservation Society.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

David Hansen reviewed the budget for the 2015 calendar year (as published in the annual report).

- Actual results were better than budgeted although we still showed a net loss for the year.

The Spaulding-Johnson House has been the biggest financial concern of the past year; it has not generate significant income.

- The PSP board decided to rent the house through AirBnB, which has begun to draw revenue. We are grateful to Jocelyn Dube for her leadership and initiative in this new operation.

Despite the new source of rental income, we still are faced with not being able to financially support the organization and the two houses we own. As a result, the board approved a plan to sell the Baker-Hanley House and to use the net proceeds to establish an endowment that will sustain the organization and give us more flexibility to carry out our mission. The Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency has assisted us with the process of selling the house.

The 2016 budget was approved.

Governance Committee Report

The following actions were approved by the membership:

Barbara Zdravesky, President (from Interim President), 1st term
Lynne DePalma, Vice President, 1st term
David Hansen, Treasurer, 2nd term
Crystal Guibeau, Secretary, 1st term
Holly Herbster, Director, 2nd term
Tim McDuff, Director, 2nd term
Earlene Hines, Director, 1st term
Paul Mowrey, Director, 1st term

Organization Update

- We commit our thanks and appreciation to Dennis Stark for his past leadership of the PSP.
- Because our time and efforts have been primarily focused on managing our two properties, we have been unable to plan extensive programs or activities. Our goal in 2016 is to turn our attention back toward the community and identify ways in which we can participate more in local issues and interests.
- We held a Tea Talk Series and the Spaulding House; the talks were on various topics, such as herb gardening, and were well attended.
- We will host a church tour series in June 2016, to visit nearby churches listed on the national register.
 - June 5th – St. Paul's
 - June 12th – St. John Baptist
 - June 26th – St. Mary's
- Committee Opportunities - you do not have to be a board member to be involved! Please visit our Facebook page to get see what we're doing, let us know what issues the PSP should address, and tell us how we can better serve the city's residents.

Guest speaker Rui Almeida

Rui posed the question: why do we preserve?

- Memory versus Identity
 - Architecture gives us a window into memories – memories which shape our identity
 - Architecture provides context for time and space - places that reflect emotion.
 - Some examples are:
 - Egyptian Pyramids - great feats representing gods on earth
 - Rome - representations of eternity and emancipation

- Gothic - man trying to reach god through logic
- Milan – the Renaissance and revisiting Ideals
- Greece - Classicism
- Paris - technology as architecture (Eiffel Tower)
- Modernism - 4th dimension, no front or back
- Finland - relationship to the organic world
- Preservation is preserving the original; not making a copy that gets diluted over time.

Closing thoughts from Rui:

What spaces are we building now? Technology allows us to divert from culture, but does that mean we should? In an attempt to be young and modern, we're losing our former identities. We cannot understand the present without the past. The past can be re-interpreted, but not re-invented.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Guibeau (acting secretary)

Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee submits the following slate of candidates for three (3) year terms as Directors of the Organization's Board of Directors:

*Barbara Zdravesky, 2nd Term
Jake Bissaro, 1st Term*

All officers were elected to two-year terms at last year's Annual Meeting and have an additional year to serve on their current term.

Please join the Governance Committee in thanking Polly Stiles, as her term ends, for her many years of service on the Board.

Officers

*President – Barbara Zdravesky
Vice President – Lynne DePalma
Secretary – Crystal Guibeau
Treasurer – David Hansen*

Board Members

*Jake Bissaro
Lynne DePalma
Jocelyn Dube
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Paul Mowrey
Barbara Zdravesky*

Retiring Board Member

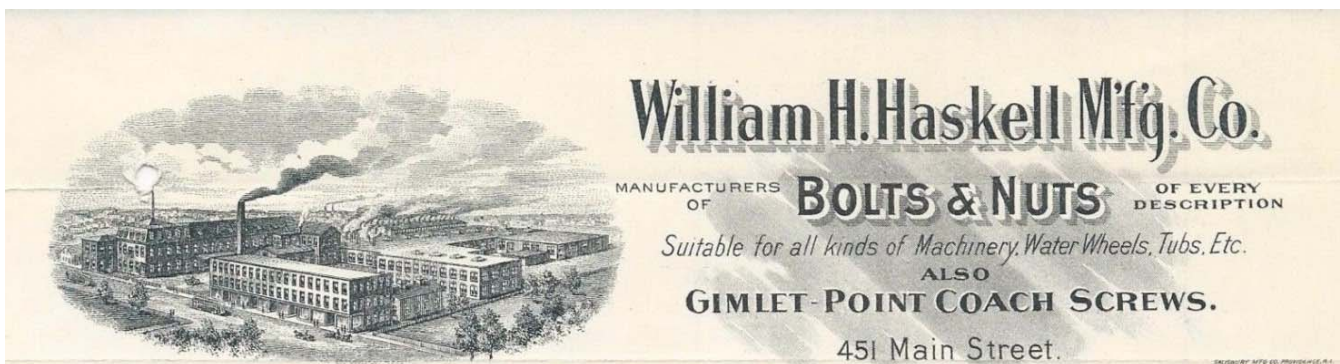
Polly Stiles

Members and Donors

Clement Anastacio
Amy Archer
Joseph Asermely
Mary Ann Asermely
Kyle Averill
Stephanie Backman
Michael Bisette
Patricia Bobola
Michael and Jane-Ellen
Cassidy
Allen H. Chatterton
Brenda Clement
Lisa Correia
Katherine Cowett
Joaquim DaFonseca
Lynne DePalma
Jocelyn Dube
Nancy Evans
Robert Fouser
Max Girouard
Vanessa Grenier
Crystal Guibeau
George Haduch and Ellen
Miller
Mr. and Mrs. David Hansen

Barney Heath
Holly Herbster
Earlene Hines
Clayton Hinrichs
Anthony W. Hollingshead
Joseph and Anne Ilacqua
Carol A. Jackson
Terence J. Karaniuk
Helen Kenny
Henry S. Kinch, Jr.
Kim Komechak and Terry
Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levin
Martha McDonough
Timothy McDuff
Paul C. Mowrey
Brian Mullahey
Joan Murray
Bonnie Mutter
Brenton Nelson and Laura
Yahr Nelson
Kenneth and Roberta
Noiseux
Marcia Oakes

Joseph and Eleanor
O'Hearn
Elise Pansey
Barbara R. Payne
Raymond Pelletier
Arthur and Miriam R. Plitt
Susan Reed
Carolyn Simon
Dennis Stark and Robert
Amarantes
Brian and Helen St. Pierre
Diane Strommer
Margot Summerhill
Laurie Tapozada
Leonel Texeira
W. Bruce Tillinghast
John Totter and Mary
Hohenhaus
Irene Tuchapsky
Carol Wooten
Patty Zacks
Barbara Zdravesky
Jen Zereski



In 1850, William Henry Haskell, in company with Curtis Collyer and his brother Lewis T. Haskell, bought an interest in the bolt and screw manufacturing plant of Pinkham & Jenks. He later bought his brother's, Mr. Collyer's and Stephen A. Jenks' interests in the firm and became sole owner. Under Mr. Haskell's management the production of the bolt and nut shop was rapidly increased. In 1860, construction began on new shops for the business. At the time, the new buildings were considered to be extremely large and required many employees to operate the business. The company specialized in bolts, nuts, washers and coach screws. It was incorporated as the William H. Haskell Co. in 1881. We're excited to hold this year's annual meeting in the former Haskell Company building, currently owned and recently renovated by the Isle Brewer's Guild.

Historic Marker Properties

(originated 1983)

Five new properties were added in the past year.

Albert Street	603 East Avenue	45 Mulberry Street
43-45 Alfred Stone Road	610 East Avenue	59 Mulberry Street
71-73 Alfred Stone Road	625 East Avenue	17 Nickerson Street
103 Alfred Stone Road	690 East Avenue	9 Nottingham Way
33 Arlington Street	30 Fruit Street	84 Oak Hill Avenue
38 Armistice Boulevard	53 Glenwood Avenue	36 Park Place
43 Armistice Boulevard	56 Glenwood Avenue	67 Park Place
53 Armistice Boulevard	58 Glenwood Avenue	487 Pawtucket Avenue
56 Armistice Boulevard	59 Glenwood Avenue	400 Pine Street
80 Armistice Boulevard	77 Glenwood Avenue	713 Pleasant Street
86 Armistice Boulevard	82 Glenwood Avenue	24 Potter Street
4 Bayley Street	184 Glenwood Avenue	53-55 Potter Street
6 Bedford Road	23 Harvard Avenue	58 Potter Street
22 Bedford Road	178 High Street	5 Progress Street
9 Beech Street	221 High Street	120-122 Progress Street
33 Blaisdell Avenue	30 Highland Avenue	146 Raleigh Avenue
64 Blaisdell Avenue	1 Homestead Street	166 Raleigh Avenue
8 Blodgett Avenue	7 Homestead Street	182 Raleigh Avenue
10 Blodgett Avenue	5 Howard Avenue	216 Raleigh Avenue
62 Blodgett Avenue	10 Howard Avenue	188 Rhode Island Avenue
370 Broadway	9 Kenilworth Way	38 Ridge Street
25 Brown Street	19 Kenilworth Way	20 Roberta Avenue
21 Cambria Court	25 Kenilworth Way	34 Roosevelt Avenue
27 Cambria Court	28 Kenilworth Way	353 Roosevelt Avenue
86 Cambria Court	32 Kenilworth Way	96 Sayles Avenue
92 Cambria Court	423 Lonsdale Avenue	135 Sayles Avenue
30 Capwell Avenue	5 Lowden Street	25 Scott Avenue
67 Capwell Avenue	62 Lowden Street	19 Stuart Street
32 Central Avenue	70 Lowden Street	13 Summer Street
636 Central Avenue	97 Lowden Street	66 Summit Street
14 Cooke Street	281 Lowden Street	98 Summit Street
103 Cottage Street	15 Lyon Street	66 Underwood Street
135 Cottage Street	35 Lyon Street	53 Vernon Street
212 Cottage Street	41-43 Lyon Street	128 Walcott Street
9 Daniels Street	52 Lyon Street	140 Walcott Street
7 Denver Street	109 Marbury Street	150 Walcott Street
14 Denver Street	126 Marbury Street	161 Walcott Street
57 Dryden Avenue	144 Marbury Street	11 Walnut Street
70 Dryden Avenue	11 Massasoit Avenue	24 Walnut Street
80 Dryden Avenue	44 Maynard Street	10 White Street
81 Dryden Avenue	69 Maynard Street	18 Wilcox Avenue
568 East Avenue	9 Montgomery Street	230 West Forest Avenue

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Profit and Loss
2016

Income	Baker-Hanley House	General Operations	Spaulding-Johnson House
Endowment	–	–	1,628
Marker Program	–	382	–
Membership/Fundraising	–	3,235	–
Rentals	13,706	–	12,492
Miscellaneous	100	60	2
Total Income	13,806	3,677	14,122
Expenses			
General Overhead	1,567	1,988	885
Insurance	2,892	704	3,963
Maintenance	3,814	–	4,215
Marker Program	–	660	–
Public Relations/Outreach	–	1,547	–
Security	228	–	229
Utilities	5,186	1,752	5,154
Miscellaneous	50	62	209
Total Expenses	13,737	6,713	14,655
Net Income (Loss)	69	(3,036)	(533)

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Annual Budget
2017

Income	Baker-Hanley House*	General Operations	Spaulding-Johnson House
Endowment	–	3,000**	1,600
Marker Program	–	500	–
Membership/Fundraising	–	2,000	–
Rentals	3,750	–	12,000
Miscellaneous	–	–	–
Total Income	3,750	5,500	13,600
Expenses			
General Overhead	650	3,000	2,550
Insurance	1,300	700	4,000
Maintenance	2,000	–	3,000
Marker Program	–	400	–
Public Relations/Outreach	–	1,000	–
Security	115	–	225
Utilities	2,500	750	6,000
Total Expenses	6,565	5,850	15,775
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,815)	(\$350)	(\$2,175)

* based on sale of BHH by June 1, 2017

** assumes sale of BHH by June 1, 2017 and establishment of Rhode Island Foundation endowment