

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
September 11, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Dufromont, Commissioner Isaacson, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Wilson

Absent: None

3. Reading and acceptance of June, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: None

Motion to accept the minutes, made by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Daly

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: Commissioner Wilson

3a. Reading and acceptance of the Special Meeting minutes for 380 Lexington Street

Amendments: Add Date, June 30, 2017; fruit trees are not historic, planted within 10 years by the prior owner. "MEPA" not MEBA, spelling of Azadi

Motion to accept the minutes as amended, made by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Cox

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Dufromont

4. Chair: Announcements:

A. Mort, Marie and historical society member visited Jonas Vilas House on 639 Lincoln Street, the new owner, Lin Wang, asked for an explanation of the historical significance of the house, and allowed an onsite visit to take place. One issue, we took several pictures, what to do with the pictures? The commission does not have an archival/database. Commissioner Holmes stated if the property has a Form B through the National Register you can send the photos into MHC as a part of the survey form and MHC will print the photos and keep them as a part of the Form B file.

b. During the Special Meeting we had with the Mayor, it was discussed to have a site visit at 380 Lexington Street. Pam will coordinate with the Building Inspector and members for a day and time that works for all.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: A letter from the Mayor was circulated to all the departments stating documents from the city, primarily dealing with the renovation of the old high school into the McDevit Middle School have been sent to the archives at the Bright School.

6. Chair: Public hearings: None

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A report was submitted by Ann Clifford regarding the roof project, education and outreach along with landscaping for the Stonehurst property.

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington House Report: Pam briefly spoke about the work being done at the Wellington house including the onsite visit with city officials, occupancy approval, fireplace restoration, problems with the water heater tank, and handicap parking.

9. Subcommittee Reports

A. Historic Inventory- the Committee met last week, we have been approved and awarded the money for the Historic Stonewall Survey Project, and are now in the RFP stage. Pam is working with Joe Pedulla to determine if we are able to phase out the project to eliminate having to go to bid with multiple companies.

B. Edu & Outreach- Mort and Pam presented the brochure, and discussed the plaques. Sean Wilson will ask Diana about using CPC funds to purchase signage for the City of Waltham, and possibly offsetting the cost to private homeowners should they want a plaque for their home if they qualify historically for one.

C. Fernald- Acting Chair, Mort Isaacson, will send an email to the Mayor requesting a copy of the archeological study done at the Fernald near the West Building.

10. Old Business

a. Discussion of Rex Trailer Plaque

Summary: Pam will contact the Handicap Commission/Committee to find out if they are able to help pay for the cost of the Rex Trailer Plaque.

11. New Business

a. Discussion of Cardinal Cottage Support Letter

Marie Daly recused herself and left the meeting

Summary: Mort presented a draft letter to the commission. It was amended by the commission. A final draft will be drafted by acting chair, Mort Isaacson.

A motion to accept this letter and send it with said corrections made by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Wilson

In Favor: ALL Against: None Recused: Commissioner Daly Against: None

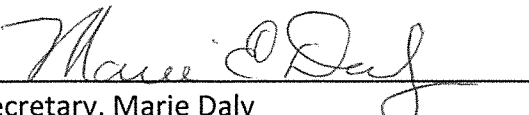
12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Wilson

In favor: All Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: Commissioner Daly

Respectfully Submitted


Secretary, Marie Daly