

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting  
January 8, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Secretary: Call of the Roll:

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Isaacson, Commissioner Dufromont, Commissioner Holmes, and Commissioner Cox

Absent: Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Wilson

3. Reading and acceptance of December 11, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: 1. None

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

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: Commissioner Holmes

Absent:

Commissioner Rusoo, Commissioner Wilson

4. Chair: Announcements:

1. Suppose to have elections of officer, but the bylaws state all members must be present, so we will postpone that.

2. Neighborhood/Public meeting on the Chester brook Woods area for the Coleman-Stanton property as a possible site for the high school, 6pm at the Cannon Lecture Hall, Waltham High School, Wednesday January 10, 2018.

3. In the Sunday Globe, under recent home sales, 2 Lawton Place was just sold. Built by the Boston Manufacturing Company in 1889. Pam, please find out who the purchaser is of the property and send a new home owners packet to the home owners.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None

6. Chair: Public hearings:

a. Demolition Delay Hearing: 166 Ash Street

Applicant Name: Donald Cusano representing the property at 166 Ash St.

Comments by Applicant: We feel the home is a little bit outdated, and does not meet any of the practices that we use today. The owner, Marie Pharel, chooses to sell the house, can't afford the heat. I am looking to buy the house, and create two new town houses.

No third floor, garage, first floor, and second floor.

Discussion by WHC: The WHC was not supplied the drawings submitted to the building department. Commissioner Daly read her historical report she prepared. The commission asked what the neighboring houses are like; Lowell St, new two units going North, West side all the way up Lowell St, Mr. Cusano did a house there 2-3 yrs ago. 18 ft from Ash St, creating a bigger rear yard, I've tried to create a buffer zone behind the house, parking on each side of the house, so the people may have a back yard.

Commissioner Cox asked if he had done any restorations to houses, Yes I do, Belmont, Lexington and Westford. Spoke about the poor fire places in all the older houses, no liner inside the fireplaces. Turns into a massive cost situation, with replacing the studs because of small fires up in the attics that you are unable to see. The commission is concerned about the hideous town houses that are put up with no architectural detail. Commissioner Daly, what kind of architectural detail will be on the side and the front? We could accommodate a small roof over the door.

Motion that the property is not Preferably Preserved made by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In favor: ALL      Against:      Abstain:      Recused:      Absent: Commissioner Russo and Commissioner Wilson

#### 7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: Ann presented her monthly report for the Robert Treat Paine Estate on the matter of the new Waltham High School. If there is any federal or state funding used for the school, the city will be required to inform all parties involved.

Article 97 would cover the Storer land. Article 97 requires then if you do convert the 25 acres, you have to replicate that 25 acres elsewhere. The property is city owned land, zoned conservation/recreation.

With regards to the Sewer project related to Stonehurst, Ann will reach out to Water & Sewer to further discuss what is going on, and discuss further the letter she received from the state.

Approval for WHC to write a letter to water and sewer moved by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Holmes

In favor: ALL      Against:      Abstain:      Recused:      Absent: Commissioner Russo and Commissioner Wilson

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

#### 8. Wellington House Report: Pam presented her report for the Wellington House.

Motion to approve up to \$250.00 for the purchase of two mirrors for the bathrooms, and up to \$100.00 dollars for the purchase of an address house plaque for the front door moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Holmes

All in Favor: All      Against:      Abstain:      Recused:      Absent: Commissioner Russo and Commissioner Wilson

Report submitted to the Secretary by Pamela Lyons

#### 9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

a. Fernald: Nothing new reported.

b. CPC: representative is not here today

c. Historic Inventory: RFP process, received 6 bids, interviewed 3 bidders, checked references, award letter sent out to winning bidder, purchasing department is drawing

up the contract, then sent to the Mayor, and then sent out to all for signatures of required city departments.

d. Edu. & Outreach: Commissioner Russo is absent so we are unable to discuss the house plaque program.

Main St. Tour Brochure will be looked over by Jack and Kathie. Mort will re-send them the draft of the brochure.

#### 10. Old Business

##### a. Discussion of Updating Macris Forms

Summary: Pam bought archival paper for Commissioner Holmes to have to print historical documents with. Some of the forms, for our most historical homes, do not show accurate information or missing important information, so Mort and Katie are in the process of updating the forms.

##### b. Rex Trailer Plaque: We are trying to get the plaque up on this private building, and there is an issue on whether or not public money can be spent to use on a private building. Councilor Darcy is involved in this and has been in contact with the state. Trying to get in touch with Councilor Darcy to get an updated status.

#### 11. New Business

##### a. Discussion of Commission Elections

Summary: Postponed. Need all 7 members of the commission present.

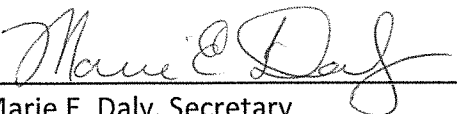
#### 12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Holmes

In favor: All    Against: None    Abstain: None    Recuse: None    Absent: Commissioner Russo and Commissioner Wilson

Respectfully Submitted



Marie E. Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons