

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
November 13, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

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

Absent: None

3. Reading and acceptance of October, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: 1. CPC: Walkway cover, photos sent to the Mass Historical Commission, Commissioner Wilson will look into his notes, and get back to Pam on the exact language.

Item # 7 multiple deeds on the property; should read: there are multiple deed conservation and historic preservation restrictions that protect the building and the land.

Sec C: Old Business; grammar THERE

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

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: Commissioner Cox Recused: None

4. Chair: Announcements:

1. Communication from Alex Green who is working with a group who is trying to restore the Met / Fern Cemetery. Anyone with interest should visit www.metferncemetery.org.

2. Central St, visited by Commissioner Daly and Commissioner Isaacson, it's an early house and both commissioners are convinced with the evidence on the beams in the basement this house dates before 1854 and is an original building from the Lawton Estate.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence:

1. Boy Scouts of America is interested in using the Wellington House grounds for an archeological study.

6. Chair: Public hearings:

a. Demolition Delay Hearing: 15 Alder Street

Applicant Name: Arthur Bennett, owner of 15 Alder Street, representing his family

Comments by Applicant: Read his report on the history of the house to the Commission.

Mr. Bennett does believe the land itself does have some significance to the city of Waltham.

Discussion by WHC: WHC history report of the house was read by Commissioner Daly.

Mr. Bennett confirmed that none of the original wood work or trim still exists any longer. A second floor addition had been added and converted into a two family house, used for rental property. Financial considerations and family are reasons for tear down.

Mr. Bennett has asked that if the commission decided to impose a 12 month delay, in that time to consider listing this house on the National Register of Historic Places so he may inquire about the tax credit through the state.

Motion that the property is preferably preserved made by Commissioner Holmes

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In favor: ALL Opposed: Commissioner Wilson Abstain: None Recused: None

Motion to look into listing the property on the National Register within the next year by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Holmes

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: Recused: None

Recess—meeting reconvened at

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A report was submitted and presented by Ann Clifford.

Commissioner Daly recused herself as she is a board member of the Land Trust, and the Land Trust is taking a position on the matter regarding the location of the new high school. A discussion was had about the resolution put forth about the high school being built on the 25 acres (Chester brook) on the Paine Estate.

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington: Monthly Report, Pam Lyons

Summary: A report was read and submitted to the WHC by Pam Lyons.

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Report:

Stonewall Subcommittee: A report was read by Commissioner Daly regarding the Stonewall Survey Bid meeting that took place with Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Isaacson, Eric Rizzo and Pam Lyons.

Edu & Outreach: Jack Cox spoke about a communication he received from Rebecca Clower the new person at the Lyman Estate, and a hosted event that the WHC was invited to participate in.

Plaque Program: Commissioner Russo will be contacting Wellesley to find out more about their program and the grant they received from the CPC to help subsidize the cost of plaques.

Tour Brochures: published North Waltham tour booklet, and Commissioner Isaacson has come up with a draft for a new brochure, asking for subcommittee to look over it.

10. Old Business

a. None

11. New Business

a. None

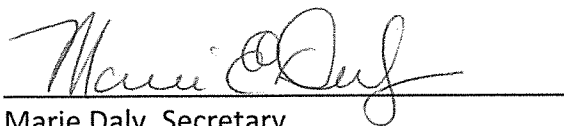
12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Isaacson

Second: Commissioner Russo

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

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marie Daly", is written over a horizontal line.

Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pam Lyons