

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
February 12, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

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

Absent: Commissioner Cox

3. Reading and acceptance of January 8, 2018 minutes:

Amendments: 1. #4 item 2: Confusion regarding the name of the property, it's now called Chesterbrook Woods; 2. If more; 6A reference to Marie Daly, should be changed to Commissioner Daly, 3. Add the owners last name. 7. Stonehurst; lower case S referring to just sewer, and referring to Water & Sewer; uppercase.

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

Second: Commissioner Daly

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

Absent: Commissioner Cox

4. Chair: Announcements: List of Accomplishments from last year (2017) and goals for the upcoming year (2018) was submitted to the Mayor's office. A copy of that correspondence was put into the commissioner's packets.

Chair: Reading and description of correspondence:

5. Chair: Public hearings: None

6. Development Prospectus Hearings: None

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: Ann presented her monthly report, with an emphasis on the Paine Estate/Storer Conservation Lands/Chesterbrook Woods. At the beginning of the meeting, Ann submitted a draft letter to the commissioners with the intention to distribute a final draft to the Mayor, City Council, School Committee and School Building Committee to help clarify some historical facts related to the Robert Treat Paine Estate. The draft letter submitted by Ann was updated and modified to also oppose the use of the 13 acres for a New High School Campus.

Motion to submit a letter on behalf of the WHC to clarify the official names and designations for the acreage and oppose the use of the 13 acres of Paine Estate land for the use for a New High School campus by Commissioner Holmes

Second: Commissioner Wilson

In Favor: ALL Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Cox Recused: None

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington House: A report was submitted by Pam Lyons on the Wellington House regarding the heating issues, MHC Round 24 Grant and the handicap parking spot.

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

A. Fernald- No report at this time.

B. CPC-

C. Historic Inventory- Commissioner Daly spoke about the Stonewall Survey project and its status to date, Berkshire Design Group has been notified of the award, and may begin work on the project. Next step is to meet with Berkshire Design Group to go over the next steps.

D. Edu & Outreach- Historic Plaques, the commission has suggested reaching back out to Ould Colony Artisans and Commissioner Russo has offered to lend her help in reaching out to the company. Pam will continue communication with Healy Plaques.

10. Old Business

a. Elections- We need a full commission present

Motion to nominate Commissioner Katy Holmes as acting vice chair until elections take place by Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL Abstain: None Against: None Absent: Commissioner Cox

9. New Business

a. 14 Church Street

Motion to take this matter on 14 Church Street out of order by Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL Abstain: None Against: None Absent: Commissioner Cox

Robert Waters, City of Waltham Housing Department

Jeannette McCarthy, Mayor

City Council put in various proposals to transfer care custody and control to the recreation department to expand the CHILL Zone, a program for the elementary kids in the city. In conjunction with Library, YMCA and Boys and Girls Club, we would like to expand this program for the kids at a high school level. We would like to add a chair lift to the back of the building. We proposed putting a handicap lift in the back, instead of the front of the building which is art deco style. In the rear of the building, there will be a lift with a platform. From a historic stand point the concern is the windows, we intend to replace the glass, and paint them the same color and in line with what is there now. Discussion with WHC and Presenters: You cannot see the lift from the street. It's a vertical platform lift, 750 lb capacity, made of steel and aluminum. The stairs will still be maintained for way of egress. The Mayor will send the specifications and the plans for the lift to the WHC. The Mayor will come back to the WHC in March, with plans and specs in detail, for the WHC to review.

b. Elsie Turner Field Project: Caroline Cooney and Darrell Bird
Graveson Playground, and Elsie Turner Field

Commissioner Daly: The stone walls running along Trapelo Road are most likely not historic. Trapelo Road has been widened to many times; they may be the original stones however it is not the original location.

Coordinate through Pam Lyons a day and time to meet up at the site to walk through the property to see the exact locations of the stonewalls vs. the final plans submitted.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Holmes

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

Respectfully Submitted

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

Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons