

Waltham Historical Commission

Zoom Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7: 00 p.m.
2. Call of the roll:
Commissioner Isaacson, Present
Commissioner Russo, Present
Commissioner Dufromont, Present
Commissioner Migdal, Present
Commissioner Daly, Present
Commissioner Wilson, Present
Commissioner Egrious, Present
3. Reading and acceptance of the April 2023 meeting minutes:
#11 New Business under Budget: insert "level" 10-1 for new part time administrator position.
Motion to accept the minutes as amended moved by Commissioner Daly
Second: Commissioner Migdal
In Favor: ALL
4. Announcements: Budget hearing with Mayor McCarthy took place, and Commissioner Isaacson is asking for a new assistant position, which the Mayor will take under advisement.
The Finance Committee approved last summer salaries, they will be covered and approved. The city council budget hearings have not been scheduled yet.
5. Demolition Delay Hearing: None
6. Development Prospectus: 460 Totten Pond Road
Paul Finger and Jack Mula representing the property
This is the large building behind the Best Western Hotel, which will be new lab/office space.
Discussion by the WHC: Prospect Hill Lane, dating to 1731, runs behind the property, and marks a boundary line from 1636 land grants known as a squadron line.
Motion to find the property not historically significant moved by Commissioner Dufromont
Second: Commissioner Migdal
Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Isaacson, Yes
Commissioner Russo, Yes
Commissioner Dufromont, Yes
Commissioner Migdal, Yes
Commissioner Daly, Yes
Commissioner Wilson, Yes
Commissioner Egrious, Yes

6b. Development Prospectus: 1254-1256 Main St

Damon Schmitt- representing the property

This is the building next to Steve's Pizza. The current building will be knocked down and a new Two story building will be built, about 1700 SF, with a proposed use of medical and recreational marijuana.

Motion to find the property not historically significant moved by Commissioner Migdal

Second: Commissioner Daly

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, Yes

Commissioner Russo, Yes

Commissioner Dufromont, Yes

Commissioner Migdal, Yes

Commissioner Daly, Yes

Commissioner Wilson, Yes

Commissioner Egiros, Yes

Motion to take Item # 10 Old Business "Arrigo Farm" out of order

Moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: All

(See item # 10 below)

7. Stonehurst: Report submitted. Topics discussed included the bldg./land use, education programs, and collections. A portrait of Julia Richardson Shepley has been gifted to the City of Waltham to be displayed at Stonehurst. It is the recommendation that the city accept the gift of the portrait.

Motion to advise the city of Waltham to accept a potential gift of a portrait of Julia Richardson Shepley to be displayed at Stonehurst moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Egiros

In Favor: All

Collections: \$1300 dollars for landscaping (spring clean-up) done by Victor Gonzalez

Motion to approve the spending of \$1300 dollars for landscaping moved by Commissioner Russo

Second: Commissioner Migdal

In Favor: All

8. Wellington House: No report. Commissioner Isaacson did discuss the ongoing parking issues with the Mayor at the budget hearing, with options on how to improve the parking situation, and the Mayor was receptive.

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

Fernald: Work continues to be done on the Cardinal Cottage, and is moving along nicely.

CPC- No report

Historic Inventory: No report

Edu/Outreach: No report

10. Old Business: Arrigo Farm

Jon Millian- Director of Building Maintenance

Seeking a letter of support for the CPC, in the amount of \$1.3 million dollars for the rehabilitation work to Arrigo Farm. Much of this had been discussed at the previous meeting.

It was again emphasized that this is one of the oldest farms in New England, c. 1635; that the family made significant contributions to New England, Waltham, and Watertown; and that the last member of the original family to die in the house in 1922 descended from both the Mayflower and the Arbella. No internal work will be done, except structural work as needed. The commission requested that good documentation of the structure before work begins should be done, and that important structural elements, such as framing joints, that must be replaced should be salvaged. Both of these considerations were agreed to by the applicant.

Motion to approve the letter of support moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, Yes

Commissioner Russo, Yes

Commissioner Dufromont, Yes

Commissioner Migdal, Yes

Commissioner Daly, Yes

Commissioner Wilson, Yes

Commissioner Egirous, Yes

11. New Business: FY 2024 WHC Meeting Calendar

12 meetings scheduled (2 summer meetings) now included on the calendar.

Motion to approve FY 24 WHC Meeting Calendar moved by Commissioner Migdal

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: All

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Migdal

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: All