

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
Monday June 13, 2016 at the Paine Estate

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm at Stonehurst; Robert Treat Paine Estate; hosted by Curator Ann Clifford

2. Call of the Roll:

Present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Isaacson, Ms. Daly

Absent: Ms. Dufromont, Mr. Green

Mr. Wilson arrived at 7:19pm

3. Reading and acceptance of May, 2016 minutes:

Amendments: 1. Language. Item 6B *if he would like;

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

Second: Commissioner Cox

In favor: All Against: None Abstain: None

4. Chair: Announcements:

a. The Fernald Committee input meetings will be on June 8th and June 22nd both at 6:30pm, June 22nd meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber.

b. Stonehurst Event, The Two Henry's on July 26th at 7pm. Go to Stonehurst website for more information and to RSVP.

c. City Council Budget \$14,000 unused money will be returned for Pam's new position. The commission will be looking into a signage line item added into the WHC budget for the following fiscal year 2018.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None

6. Chair: Public hearings:

a. Demolition Delay Hearing: 24 Cross Street

Applicant Name: Arthur Bennett 110 Cushing St representing Paul O'Connor (present)

Comments by Applicant: The applicant's representative provided the commission with a brief update on the new material submitted before the commission in regards to the project.

Discussion by WHC: Several questions were asked by Commissioners. Including Mort who considers the house to be historically significant; it's one of the original buildings within that area, and Commissioner Richardson who would like reassurance that a new developer will change the layout and look of the house and plans. A member of the public spoke. Paul O'Connor 26 Center St., Woburn, MA spoke about his family living there and the financial burden of keeping the house going. Paul believes that this is the best outcome for the neighborhood, and the family.

Motion that the property is not preferably preserved made by Commissioner Isaacson

Second: Commissioner Wilson

In favor: ALL Against: Abstain: Recused: Cox;

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A brief report was provided by Ann Clifford. There was a brief discussion between Ann and the commissioners regarding some of the topics in the report including, the roof project and the exterior preservation with an application through CPC for the envelope. Commissioner Richardson asked about the furnace and MassSave. Ms. Clifford said they will be sending someone out to assess possible energy savings.

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington House:

Alex was absent from the meeting, but provided a report with action items that needed approval from the commissioners.

- a. Motion to approve budgeted spending of itemized list within the report with min 10k max of 20k made by Commissioner Daly
Second: Commissioner Cox
In Favor All Abstain None Against None

**Commissioner Wilson will ask the CPC when the money will expire.*

- b. Motion to approve spending of WHC Budget (up to \$550 dollars on office supplies and custodial supplies) of itemized list within the report made by Commissioner Isaacson.
Second: Commissioner Daly
In Favor ALL Abstain None Against None
- c. Motion to approve letter to Mr. Cusano for more information on the sign at the Wellington house made by Commissioner Wilson.
Second: Commissioner Daly
In Favor ALL Abstain None Against None

9. Liaison and subcommittee reports:

- a. Fernald
Ashlynn Rickord 500 Elm Street, Melrose, MA
Commissioner Daly recused herself
Ashlynn spoke on behalf of Commissioner Green who was not present for the meeting. There was a brief report about the Fernald Project and the approval of the 75k for the Fernald Survey. Ashlynn spoke briefly about her internship and project research she is doing at the Fernald as well.
- b. Edu. & Outreach-circulate written report.
- c. 9 Hope Ave: July 12th talk sponsored by the WHS Dr. Worcester founder of Waltham Hospital, taking place at RTN, Main Street. Sub-committee will be dissolved and given a new name in September.

10. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Carriage Houses/Out Buildings/Stone walls Inventory

Summary: Commissioner Isaacson and Commissioner Richardson spoke at a recent city council meeting regarding Stonewalls. Commissioner Richardson would like to assign 9 Hope Ave subcommittee to the task of researching Stonewalls. Elsie Turner Park stonewalls, remodeling of the parking lot, old stonewalls from the 1600's, and 1800's.

Do the walls need a historical marker/signage?

Tabled until next meeting along with the creation of the Stonewalls subcommittee.

- b. Discussion of most endangered structures list, application regarding Usen Castle.

Summary: A discussion was held among the commissioners.

Motion to allow Pam to reach out to other organizations, adopt language and submit final application made by Commissioner Wilson

Second Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL Against None Abstain None

- c. Mass Historical Commission Most Endangered Application: Motion to allow Pam to use similar language regarding the Usen Castle in an application for the MHC Most Endangered Structures in the coming months made by Commissioner Cox

Second Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL Against None Abstain None

9. New Business

- a. Discussion of Moody Street Bridge Sign regarding the Mill

Summary: Sign was discussed. This will be an ongoing topic under old business.

- b. Discussion of potentially meeting in July and August

Summary: Consensus seemed to be only meet if necessary.

- c. Final approval to purchasers of historic homes letter

Motion to approve final letter made by Commissioner Isaacson

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None

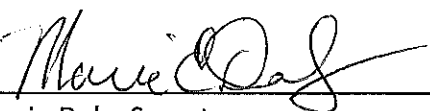
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Daly

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

Respectfully Submitted



Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons