

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting  
May 9, 2016 held at 119 School Street

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Call of the Roll:  
Present: Daly, Isaacson, Richardson, Dufromont, and Cox  
Absent: Wilson, Commissioner Green arrived at 7:46 p.m.
3. Reading and acceptance of April 2016 minutes:  
Amendment, Marie recused herself on 385 Trapelo Road Item C.  
Motion to accept the minutes as amended, made by Commissioner Isaacson  
Second: Commissioner Daly  
In favor: All      Against: None      Abstain:
4. Chair: Announcements:
  - a. Clean up at Wellington House on May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Bob Leonard from Ould Colony Artisans gave a brief presentation regarding his historical plaque program.
  - c. Commissioner Richardson discussed minor changes to the budget.
5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None
6. Chair: Public hearings:
  - a. Demolition Delay Hearing: 124-132 West Street  
(Commissioner Green arrived part way through this agenda item and participated in the vote.)  
Applicant/Presenter Names: Thomas Fanning, Maureen Cavanaugh and Pat Burns of ENS Waltham, LLC, 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA.  
Comments by Applicant: The applicant gave a presentation of the historic nature of the building and land.  
Several questions were asked by Commissioners. Including clarification that the house on the property to be demolished was moved from another site, and was not the house original built on that particular part of the property.  
Discussion was had by members of the WHC.  
No members of the public wished to speak.  
Motion that the property is not preferably preserved made by Commissioner Daly  
Second: Commissioner Isaacson  
In favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Recused: None
  - b. Demolition Delay Hearing: 24 Cross Street  
Commissioner Green and Commissioner Cox recused themselves.  
Applicant/Representative Name: Arthur Bennett 110 Cushing Street, Waltham MA.  
Commissioner Daly provided a report on the history of the property.

Comments by Applicant: The applicant spoke about the history of the house to his knowledge, and the potential plans the developer intends to do once the house is demolished.

Questions were asked by Commissioners.

Discussion was had by members of the WHC.

Commissioner Richardson stated that he would like to see what would be put in the current structures place.

Commissioner Richardson asked the applicant's representative if he would like to move forward with a vote now or have the matter tabled to the following month, given the conversation held and the questions asked. **The applicant chose to have the matter tabled to the following month.**

Motion: None

Second:

In favor:     Against:     Abstain:     Recused: Commissioner Green and Commissioner Cox

Recess ---- Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

#### 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.

*Stonehurst Sub-Committee will be doing a walk through on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.*

Ann asked for authorization to spend \$750 dollars on the restoration of the *Dorothy Paine as a Young Women Painting*.

Motion to spend the \$750.00 dollars made by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Cox

In favor: All     Against: None     Abstain: None     Recused: None

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

#### 8. Wellington House:

Commissioner Green spoke briefly about upcoming restorations that will be discussed in depth at the June meeting.

#### 9. Liaison and Subcommittee Reports

##### a. Fernald

*Commissioner Daly recused herself.*

A brief discussion was had regarding the support from Council Ad Hoc Committee for the NW Quadrant report and the CPC application being presented at the CPC meeting on May 10, 2016.

##### b. 9 Hope Ave- No Report except subcommittee should contact them.

##### c. Edu & Outreach- No report, Meeting to be scheduled.

#### Old Business

- a. Discussion of Sacred Heart Church – This matter was heard out of order during Chair Announcements.

Summary: The applicant provided details regarding the project and some history on the Sacred Heart Church. Bernadette Scalese, Father Dennis and Kenneth Lopez were there to represent the church.

b. Carriage House/Out Buildings/Stonewalls Inventory

Summary: Tabled until June

c. Approval of New Home Owners Letter

Summary: Final Draft to be submitted to the historical society for approval.

Motion to approve the letter as edited made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: All Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

d. Most endangered structures list

Summary: Brief discussion from Jack Cox about the process and impact of putting the old Waltham High School on this list and potentially applying to put the Brandeis Castle on this list. Tabled until June Meeting.

9. New Business

a. Discussion of Approval of Letter to Recreation Department

Summary: Overview of the letter and what it states. Motion to approve the letter as edited made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: All Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

b. Local Historic Districts

Summary: A discussion was held about the process of creating a Local Historic District. The discussion focused on an outlined prepared by Commissioner Richardson and included information on the law that applies, Chapter 40C.

c. By-laws and Demolition Delay Ordinance questions to the legal department

Summary: Commissioner Richardson asked the commission permission to submit some questions to the legal department regarding the demo delay ordinance, by-laws and an employment issue.

Motion to allow Commissioner Richardson to ask these questions made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: All Against: None Abstain: None Recused; None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Green

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons