

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
April 10, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Richardson, Commissioner Dufromont, Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Wilson (arrived at 7:22 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioner Isaacson

3. Reading and acceptance of March, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: The minutes were circulated via email to the commission.

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

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

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

4. Chair: Announcements:

1. The City Council, Finance Committee approved the Mayors bid request to pay for an archeological study outside the West building at the Fernald. The date for the study is TBD.
2. Randy LeBlanc put forth a resolution regarding historic buildings which are owned by the city, with an emphasis on the historic ones.
3. Woerd Ave Bridge project, we did receive a response from the state. The meeting is tomorrow evening at the Government Center.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: The WHC received a voicemail from Sally Zimmerman in regards to the DiVincent Ranches. Historic New England would like to take some photos of the interior of the buildings before they are knocked down.

Entertain a motion to authorize Pam to work with Sally and the current owners to take photographs of the interiors of the DiVincent Ranches before demolition moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

6. Chair: Public hearings:

a. Development Prospectus: 219 Bear Hill Road

Applicant Name: Joseph Connors, representing the petitioners for a Dog Retreat & Spa
Owner of the building is 221 Bear Hill Rd LLC

Comments by Applicant: Request a special permit from the city council to operate a kennel. Built in the 1980's, single story brick building.

Discussion by WHC: Daly informed the commission the building was built in 1955-1963, therefore less than 75 yrs old, and not historic.

Motion that the property is not historically significant made by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

Recess at 7:48 p.m. —meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: Ann presented a report regarding the roof project, and the Friends of Stonehurst letter for a gift of goods and services to the city for work to be done at Stonehurst. Note in the second paragraph of the letter- the WHC will be kept in the loop to make sure all work meets the Secretary of Interior of Standards. Commissioner Isaacson wanted to address other liabilities such as injuries; we ask that the persons be fully liable and insured.

Upcoming programs were discussed along with upcoming events in May at Stonehurst.

Ann has recommended that we do away with the \$3 dollar admission fee to enter the house.

Ann will look into the \$3 dollar fee by asking the Mayor and Planning department on who would have the final say on removing that fee.

The Commission spoke to Ann about security up at Stonehurst and the possibilities of installing a small device that can be linked to an app for security purposes.

Entertain a motion to approve the letter in support of the project allowing the donations of goods and services to the City of Waltham moved by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

A small presentation was given by Ann in regards to the location of the proposed location for Demonstration Native-Plant Meadow on this National Historic Landmark property.

Barbara Passero and Jean Devine, from the Waltham Y Environmental Partnership gave a presentation and spoke about the benefits of native plants and the students who will be helping out.

Motion to allow them to move forward with the city process to start the program for the first year as presented on the Southside of the parking lot of Stonehurst moved by Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

Motion to hear historic plaques out of order moved by Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

8. Wellington

- a. Pam asked the commission to approve the initial proposal from Richard Irons in the amount of \$450.00 for the initial visit, which will include a full assessment of the fireplaces and chimneys, structural conditions, identify all restoration and repairs, and provide specifications for work. We would also request that Richard Irons oversee all the work to be completed based on the specifications that will be drawn up.

Motion to have Pam work with Richard Irons on setting up the visit to Wellington for \$450.00 dollars and have Richard Irons oversee the work based on the specifications moved by Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

- a. Discussion of CPC Input Meeting

Summary: Please let Commissioner Wilson know if there are any topics and projects you (WHC) would like to see discussed at the input meeting.

10. Old Business: House Plaques

Wayne McCarthy presented a prototype of the plaque. The plaques will all be the same color. Light cream color, and have Pam approve the color.

Entertain a motion to have Pam decide on the color and have Pam make a decision to move forward moved by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Wilson

In Favor ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

11. New Business:

- a. Purposed Historic Stone Wall Ordinance and Application

The commission reviewed and made any changes in terms of language on the ordinance.

Entertain motion to adopt the proposed ordinance and send it to the economic development community of the city council moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Daly

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

Respectfully Submitted


