

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
Monday March 13, 2017

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

2. Secretary: Call of the Roll

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Dufromont, Commissioner Isaacson, Commissioner Richardson, Commissioner Cox
Commissioner Wilson arrived at 8:40 p.m.

3. Secretary: Reading and acceptance of February, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: None

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

Second: Commissioner Daly

In favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. Chair: Announcements: 1. 380 Lexington St Recently a bid was submitted through the Mayor's office for a survey to realign the intersection; also council is in discussion on the demolition of the lot.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None

6. Chair: Public hearings:

a. Development Prospectus Hearing: 185 Willow Street

Applicant Name: Bret Francis; 10 Hammer St Waltham, MA

Comments by Applicant: Project is to demolish the existing house and put in 9 residential units in its place. We are going to council for an F.A.R., and seeking approval on the plans tonight.

Discussion by WHC: We would like documentation (photos) as the structure comes down.

Motion that the property is historically significant however the building is not preferably preserved made by Commissioner Isaacson

Second: Commissioner Daly

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None

Recess—meeting reconvened at _____

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A report was submitted by Ann Clifford.

Almar is the qualified builder and given an award bid letter. Funding will come through within the next month. The ceiling is peeling; the Friends of Stonehurst are willing to donate funds, to help streamline this. There is a concern about lead in the paint; Ann will reach out to the purchasing department and also research about the lead paint. Programs were talked about

including field trips to the house. Major Announcement, the Waltham public library and Stonehurst are working together and offering books up at Stonehurst to read in house or take home. Need to reevaluate the \$3 dollar admission fee into the house. There is a potential project involving the YMCA. Awaiting information and full report from the YMCA. The YMCA staff will be attending the next WHC meeting to present a small presentation. Photography session contract was discussed.

A motion to allow Ann to move forward on submitting the photography session permit application amongst other city departments for approval moved by Commissioner Cox
Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None
Ann requested to spend \$700 out of the building furnishing account, and \$540 out of the custodial supplies account for cleaning and repair to a rug in the house.

A motion to appropriate no more than \$540 to clean the rug and \$700 to repair the rug in the dining room moved by Commissioner Cox
Second Commissioner Daly

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

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

Motion to take the Waltham Land Trust out of order moved by Commissioner Dufromont
Second: Commissioner Isaacson

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: Richardson & Daly

8. Wellington House: Monthly Report: No Report

9. Liaison and subcommittee reports

Fernald: An Archeological study will be conducted outside the west building for the potential of a cemetery. Hire a company to see if there are any remains and or burial grounds. Both WHC and the Mayor received the Cardinal Cottage response back from the state.

Edu. & Outreach: House plaques were discussed; waiting on the response from Wayne McCarthy. House brochures were approved on the content at the outreach meeting. Macris Listing and National Register of historic places were discussed. Working to get the Tracy Jackson house updated in Macris and listed on the National Register.

Stonewall Subcommittee: Working on putting together the CPA application, put an estimate email out for the work that will need to be done. We have received one response back on a quote estimate. Mort spoke briefly about the old stonewalls that sit on the squad rant lines by the high school. Richardson asked the committee about who should draft the ordinance? They suggested that we the WHC do that. A rough draft will be presented to the commission in April.

Entertain a motion to approve the letters and reach out to the other city departments moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Isaacson

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

WHC will move forward with the CPA application without the inclusion of city council.

CPC: The CPC meeting has been postponed due to the weather. Commissioner Wilson will try and get a special meeting together for the Paine Estate approval project for the roof.

10. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Budget Review
- b. Summary: Two changes to the budget, with 1 amendment
- c. 1. Account Buildings/ grounds line item added to last year's budget which is what the commission has been using for signs and signage, the commission would like to increase that line item and keep it open and active put \$1000 in there because city council has let us know they would like to see more and better signage throughout the city, and in tonight's meeting we (the Commission) would like to see better signage at the Paine Estate.
- d. 2. Wellington Buildings Furnishings account be funded with \$2500.00 dollars so that we can do similar things at the Paine Estate for the Wellington House, items we may need to acquire such as tables, chairs, things that aren't necessarily office equipment that will be used by staff.
- e. Paine Estate Commissioner Cox has suggested a small increase for the Paine furnishings account, \$500 dollar increase, the need is so important. Accepted as a friendly amendment and no vote needed. Increase from \$5500 to \$6000.
- f. A motion to adopt the proposed 2018 budget with the friendly amendment moved by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Wilson

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

11. New Business

- a. Waltham Land Trust- Sonja Wadman to discuss signage at Stonehurst
Summary: The Waltham Land Trust received a grant from Belmont Savings Foundation for \$2k dollars, and would like to purchase locator maps and install one of them in the Stonehurst parking lot before you enter the trail. Locator maps are about the size of a poster, a few are mounted now at Jacks Way and on Trapelo Rd.
Discussion of WHC: Concerned about the Belmont Savings logo being on the sign. WHC would like some consultation from the mayor and or planning department to understand if we can do that. Put City of Waltham in the title of the maps.
A motion to approve both signs contingent on approval from the planning director on the logo moved by Commissioner Cox

Second Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused Daly and Richardson
Absent Wilson

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

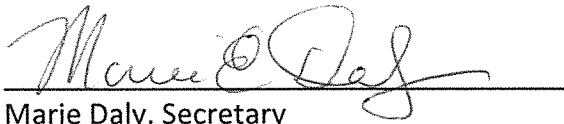
In favor: All

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

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