

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
November 14, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Call of the Roll:
Present: Ms. Daly, Mr. Green, Mr. Isaacson, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Dufromont
Absent: Mr. Cox, Mr. Wilson arrived at 7:16 p. m.
3. Reading and acceptance of October, 2016 minutes:
Amendments: None
Motion to accept the minutes as amended, made by Commissioner Daly
Second: Commissioner Isaacson
In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain:
4. Chair: Announcements:
 1. Appearance before City Council Committee
 2. Special meeting of the historical commission regarding the Fernald site.
Both items address later in the meeting.
5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None
6. Chair: Public hearings:
 - a. Development Prospectus Hearings:
 - i. 17 Prospect/105-111 Russell Street Zone Change
Comments: None- During the recess Commissioner Richardson called both the applicant and the attorney but was unable to reach either of them. They will be put on the Dec 12, 2016 agenda.
 - ii. 415 South Street Brandeis/Verizon Wireless Special Permit
Comments: Daniel D. Klasnick, Esq. Duval & Klasnick LLC Counselors at Law
Twelve antenna will be placed on the scientific building located towards the center of campus to provide coverage in gaps on the roadways. The antenna will be in canisters that will be painted to match the façade of the building, and will not be visible off campus. There will be no ground disturbance and very low impact.
Comments from commission: less than 75 years old
Motion to sign off on plans that the building has no historic significance moved by Commissioner Isaacson
Second: Commissioner Dufromont
In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Recused: None
 - b. Demolition Delay Hearing:
 - i. 23 Palmer Street
Applicant Name: Jeremy Liveston

Comments by Applicant: After last hearing, Lenny spoke to the Curtins and further worked with them on the new porch design. The Curtains would approve the design as long as the doors are removed from the side facing their house. The applicants are fine with removing the doors.

Discussion by WHC: The columns were added in the front. Inquired whether the removal of the doors will meet code on the first floor. Color scheme; no colors yet but we would try to match historical colors to that time period 1890, the house will have vinyl siding. There will be a grass area and a fence separating the two properties. The commission is excited that the applicants worked with the neighbors to make the house look better and more historically accurate. The WHC would like something in writing from the neighbors on the other side of the house.

Motion that we will waive the demolition delay subject to a signed agreement to build according to the new plans presented with the removal of the doors on the back side made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Daly

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

Recess at 8:23 p.m. meeting reconvened at 8: 25 p.m.

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A brief report was provided by Ann Clifford, and a brief discussion was held regarding the roof project; Mass Historical Commission agreed to scope of the work as presented to them. Final specs and drawings shortly, put out to bid by the city. Structure; Mr. Forte had structural engineers come in, noticed some deficiencies in the basement, added a wall in the basement to help provide support, also noticed problems in the attic with the dormer. Preparing a letter of intent to mass cultural, the letter due this Friday, full application due January.

Questions from commission on Letter of Intent to Mass Cultural: What is this for? For technical assistance, exterior work, dormer, lighting between parking lot and the house, and the terrace. State funding matched with CPC funding. The letter of intent is not binding, can be changed before the full application is due in January.

Motion to submit letter of intent to Mass Cultural; moved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

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

Programs were discussed for the upcoming holiday, crafts and family pictures.

Film shoot at Stonehurst, released next year, Sony historical film.

Photography Form; comments were brought up to Marsha, who feels strongly about how the contract was written originally, this is only for professional photography. Commissioner Richardson has asked to table this form to next month.

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington House: Commissioner Green gave a brief update on the house which included, getting signage up at the house, an inventory list was created and photographs of each item

were taken and sent over to Skinner. Don Cusano will be checking out the water issue in the basement before winter.

9. Liaison and subcommittee reports:

- ii. Fernald: The High School Building Committee voted to select the current High School location and not the Fernald location for the New High School. Commissioner Green would like to start focusing on preserving the site, concerned with all the break-ins and fires there. We need to work on getting the North Building back up and working. We don't know if the buildings are insured given there is no preservation restrictions on the buildings. Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Green will speak by phone so Commissioner Wilson can address some of the issues and bring them to the CPC meeting Tuesday evening. Commissioner Green would like to schedule a walk through with all the WHC, and Stonewalls can be addressed now with the subcommittee. Need to get a historic preservation planner up there. Let's use the letters as a base, and have Pam sit face to face with people and get some initial correspondence going. The WHC needs to be informed when work is going on up at the site however, there is a lack of communication and a lot of organizations involved in the process. Fernald Special Meeting: reps of the school building committee came before the WHC to present the plans for the new high school up at the Fernald. They wanted a priority list of buildings that should be kept, but the commission did not know enough about the buildings to make a priority list for them.
- iii. CPC: List of items submitted for auction/appraisal.
- iv. Historic Inventory: Focus now is on stonewalls, the subcommittee met, drafted a grant application for surveying, letter of intent was submitted today. We will know in December if we are accepted. PowerPoint presentation was given at the city council committee meeting. Subcommittee is doing a walk of Shady Pond this Thursday.
Motion to approve/support letter of intent to the Mass Historical Commission moved by Commissioner Isaacson
Second: Commissioner Daly
In Favor: ALL Abstain: None Against: None
- v. Edu. & Outreach: Wellington Plaque; Alex will get pictures of plaque location on the house out to the commission this week. Historic House marker program moving forward.
Motion to approve the application form and information page with a new changes moved by Commissioner Dufromont
Second: Commissioner Green
In Favor: ALL Abstain: None Against: None

10. Old Business

- a. Carriage Houses/ Out Buildings/Stonewall Inventory

Summary: Oversight, removing from agenda going forward.

b. Residential historic markers and purchasers of historic homes program

i. Approval of application and process done during Edu. & Outreach report above.

11. New Business: Woerd Ave Bridge: Mass Dot, reached out to Councilor Rourke, who is aware of this project. Councilor Rourke submitted questions and comments in an email, and would like to see some sort of historical markers on the bridge. WHC would like to be involved in the comment process through Section 106.

Comments from WHC: Commissioner Daly discussed the history of the Bridge, and the historic architect who designed the bridge.

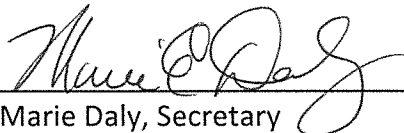
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Daly

Second: Dufromont

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

Respectfully Submitted



Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons