

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting  
June 12, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Russo, Commissioner Isaacson, Commissioner Dufromont, Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Holmes

Absent: Commissioner Wilson

3. Reading and acceptance of May, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: 1. None

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

Second: Commissioner Dufromont and Commissioner Cox

In favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

4. Chair: Announcements:

a. Over site on the June agenda under old business, we will be addressing past meeting minutes from October 2014 regarding the lighting on the Harold Bridge.

b. We have completed the budget hearing process with the Mayor and City Council. We were awarded additional funding for Stonehurst and Wellington house.

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence:

a. We received a note from David Russo Jr. from the Watertown Historical Commission, in regards to the WB Wetherbee house on Crescent St and the architect who designed it. Entertain a motion to allow Pam to reach out to the owners moved by Commissioner Cox  
Second Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Motion to take the Cardinal Cottage out of order by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Russo

In favor: ALL Against: None Recused: Commissioner Daly Absent: Commissioner Wilson  
*Commissioner Daly is recusing herself from the Cardinal Cottage hearing*

Cardinal Cottage

Representing the project: Mayor McCarthy, Housing Department, Architect Alex Knox

The mayor is asking for review and input from the Waltham Historical Commission in regards to the exterior of the building. All 3 buildings were surveyed and Cardinal Cottage was put forth to be restored.

Alex Knox: Presented documents to the commission on the exterior of the cottage and is seeking approval after the documents and photographs are looked over for the outside of the building.

The outside work was discussed by Alex Knox.

Alex Knox presented photographs of the exterior of the building and what he is suggesting the Cardinal cottage would look like, color would be gray with white trim, and possible red incorporated throughout. The first floor level will be handicap accessible with a ramp in an inconspicuous corner of the house. Photographs of the siding were presented.

Discussion by the WHC: Cox asked about the main door, and the answer is to restore the door and put back in place on the original hinges. The windows currently are two by two, and Commissioner Holmes thinks the two over two would be original to the Greek revival style of the home.

Mayor- There are surveys on each of the buildings. The commission will get a copy of the surveys. Alex Knox went before Mass Historical and local Historical to comply with local and state regulations. There is a proposed use of the interior to city council, but no word yet. If the commission has any comments regarding the design they should email them to Alex Knox. No vote was taken for the Cottage at this time.

Motion to hear the Sons of Italy out of order by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Sons of Italy

Edward P. Tarallo

Requesting a rare determination for 99 Cedar Street, as a historical resource. A packet has been provided to the commission, and some of the important information showing the historical nature of the building was spoken about.

Comments from the WHC: The money is to repair the building, violations in particular, the most important to be the sprinkler system.

Diana Young: we have a policy to put a restriction on the building depending on the amount of money requested. We are not required to put a restriction on by law. Fire suppression and sprinkler system.

Cox- the Sons of Italy has had such a huge impact on the city, endless fundraisers for sports and banquets, scholarships, we can't make a case on the building unfortunately, but we can support a cultural organization.

Motion that the chair write a letter to the CPC giving our opinion this is a historically significant resource by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

October Meeting Minutes from 2014 in regards to the lighting of the James J. Harold Bridge.

Motion to take out of order by Commissioner Daly

Second Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Past Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Development Prospectus:

315 College Farm Road

Bret Francis on behalf of Phil McCort

A small presentation was given on the property.

Entertain a motion that this building is not historically significant by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

151-155 Bear Hill Road

Shawn Keefe, representing Attorney Connors & Connors

Request for a special permit to increase the floor area to accommodate a new structure.

A small presentation was given by Mr. Keefe.

Entertain a motion that the building is not historically significant by Commissioner Cox

Second Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

225 Waverly Oaks Road

Bill Proia

Proposed a full reconstruction of the Shell gas station that is currently there now, 3-4 month build

Entertain a motion that the building is not historically significant by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Demolition Delay Hearings:

23-25 Orange Street

Keith Kemp & Julie Kemp owners of the property currently reside in Sudbury.

Rebuild a new two family similar to the one that is there now. The home is old and in need of a ton of repair, foundation leaks, the roof leaks, not feasible to repair. Purchased in 1986.

Pictures and plans were submitted on what ideally they would like the new construction to look like, and the owner's believe it would fit in nicely with the neighborhood.

Comments by WHC: Orange Street is a historic streetscape, and watch company structures.

The public was asked if anyone would like to speak on this property. None.

Commissioner Daly presented her official report on the historical significance of the house and the neighborhood. Your house is historically significant.

Commissioner Dufromont wonders if they did a cost evaluation between restoration and tear down. The owners said they spoke about it, but it's just old.

Commissioner Cox- we are only looking at the historic aspect of it, as opposed to is it economically feasible. We have to keep the discussion to be whether or not it's a historically significant building, and we vote. Builders always say it's a hardship, and we could get more rent, but that's not our charge as a commission.

Entertain a motion that the house is preferably preserved by Commissioner Holmes

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Commissioner Holmes left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Pond Street / Boston Bark Project

Archie Bennett representing Vincent Mula

73 Pond St (55 Pond Street) historically referred to as 55 Pond St.

Archie Bennett made a presentation about the property.

Comments from WHC: Marie Daly presented her history report on the property.

Statement from Councilor Waddick was read by Commissioner Isaacson regarding his concern.

Comments from the Public: Multiple people from the neighborhood spoke regarding their concern with Boston Bark and the neighborhood. 70 Pond St, directly across from Boston Bark. Noise, quality of life is terrible. If you allow them to knock the houses down it will make my life terrible.

Commissioner Dufromont: What's inside the home now? Offices.

Motion that the house (55 Pond St) is preferably preserved by Commissioner Dufromont

Second Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

69-71 Pond Street

A presentation was given by Archie Bennett on the property at 69-71 Pond St.

Public Comments: The steam rollers can't make the turn, so they come onto my property on the opposite side of the road (70 Pond Street), and it's damaged our sidewalk, and there truck also hit the light pole. They did remove the fire hydrant, not sure how they were able to do that. It's a safety issue.

Motion that the property is not preferably preserved by Commissioner Daly

Second Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL      Against: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

79 Pond Street

A presentation was given by Archie Bennett on the property at 79 Pond Street.

Comments by WHC: Marie Daly read her history report and stated the house was a lot older than what Mr. Bennett had spoken of in his report.

Motion that the property is preferably preserved by Commissioner Daly

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL      Against: none      Abstain: None      Absent: Commissioner Wilson

9-11 Pond Street

A presentation was given by Archie Bennett on the property at 9-11 Pond St.

Comments by WHC: This house is in a residential zone. And the current use right now is for open space. Commissioner Cox hopes Boston Bark would reconsider tearing it down if it's found to be not preferably preserved.

Motion that this property is not preferably preserved by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A report was presented by the Curator Ann Clifford.

Eagle Scout Project: Matthew Schultz will come back before the commission in the fall to discuss and present a report on this work over the summer on the project.

Entertain a motion to continue the arrangement on the chair and Ann regarding allocation of money for landscape to be spent by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

Subcommittee Reports

Wellington House

Central Mass Auction is coming to the house to complete the appraisal. Pam will be at the house during that time.

Housekeeping Items from Pam:

Alphagraphics brochure for the driving tour of North Waltham template and printing 250 pieces. Motion to spend \$532.24 for the printing and design of the North Waltham brochure by Commissioner Cox

Second: Daly

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Damaged Sign over on the Moody Street Bridge has been damaged, and the Mayor, Planning and Councilor Logan would like it replaced. Pam will contact Fast Signs and order a new sign along with a protective cover. Motion to approve the spending of \$146.00 dollars for the sign and up to \$100.00 additional dollars for the protective cover by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Russo

In Favor: ALL Against: None Abstain: None Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Stonewall

CPA application was approved by the CPC and then it went to city council long term debt committee and it's on the agenda for this evening. Tonight's vote is just procedural and the WHC did not need to be present.

The Fernald Archeological Survey

*Commissioner Marie Daly recused herself and left the meeting for the night*

The city is starting an archeological survey at the Fernald site near the West building.

Motion that we invite the archeological diggers to provide a report to WHC of their findings by

Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL    Against: None    Abstain: None    Absent: Commissioner Wilson

Cardinal Cottage – Motion to approve the exterior design presented tonight contingent upon receiving a copy of the survey and the windows two over two, so moved by Commissioner Cox

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL    Against: None    Abstain: None    Absent: Commissioner Wilson

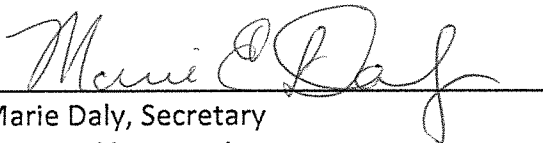
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cox

Second: ALL

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