

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting
Monday January 9, 2017

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

2. Call of the Roll:

Present: Commissioner Daly, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Isaacson, Commissioner Dufromont and Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Wilson arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Richardson

3. Reading and acceptance of December, 2017 minutes:

Amendments: No amendments, however minutes were not accepted do to issues regarding quorum.

4. Chair: Announcements: None

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence: None

6. Chair: Public hearings: None

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford

Summary: A report was provided by Ann Clifford regarding the roof project and that status to date. Also a letter of intent was submitted to Mass Cultural and the WHC is taking a vote tonight on the approval of the application and letter of support for the Mass Cultural Grant. Ann also request money to repair some items at Stonehurst, a formal vote will be taken to spend the money.

Motion to approve and accept the MCFF Grant application made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion to approve and accept the letter of support in regards to the application made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion to approve funds in the amount of \$1,560.00 for repairs to the mirror, framing and bookcase made by Commissioner Dufromont

Second: Commissioner Cox

In Favor ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

8. Wellington House: Pam had maintenance go over and check on the heating and the house. No other report.

9. Liaison and subcommittee reports:

Historic Inventory: A report was provided by Commissioner Daly. WHC was not invited to apply for the MHC survey grant application. WHC will continue to get more information from MS Aerial and local preservationists. Mort compiled a Stonewall report and would like to have it uploaded to the city website.

Motion to post the stonewall report to the city website made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Edu & Outreach: Subcommittee will contact the plaques manufacturer to see if we are able to set up a meeting. Mort, Marie and Pam went to 185 Willow St. and took photographs of the home to capture the historical significance of the inside and outside of the property. Need to decide what to do with the photographs of this house, and with homes moving forward.

10. Old Business

- a. Residential historic markers and purchasers of historic homes programs

Summary: Discussed during the Edu & Outreach report provided by Commissioner Isaacson.

11. New Business

- a. Discussion of Housing Division presentation made by Architect Alex Knox regarding the Cardinal Cottage.

(Commissioner Daly recused herself for the presentation and the subsequent vote.)

Bob Waters Housing Supervisor introduced the Architect Alex Knox.

Alex Knox Architect Oak St Needham.

Matthew Aubrey Assistant

Alex presented a projector presentation and will be asking the commission to provide some guidance moving forward. This presentation is also available in paper copy in the WHC office. There was much discussion throughout the presentation and several questions asked by Commissioners. The presentation discussion and questions lasted approximately one hour and thirty minutes. The following motion was made regarding the project after the presentation concluded:

Motion to submit a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) notifying them that the City intends to work on the property; and thereby asking to initiate a discussion of conservation restrictions; to discuss an historic analysis of the exterior and interior of the house; ways to handle Memorandum of Agreement in relationship to the whole process, and discuss with or ask their advice whether the City could commence with hazardous waste stabilization of the exterior specific to asbestos shingles made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Dufromont

In Favor: ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recused: Commissioner Daly

b. Approval of Woerd Ave. Bridge Letter to MassDot.

Motion to read out of order made by Commissioner Daly (addressed prior to the presentation regarding the cottages).

Second: Commissioner Green

In Favor ALL

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion to approve the Woerd Ave. Bridge letter as presented made by Commissioner Green

Second: Commissioner Daly

In Favor: ALL

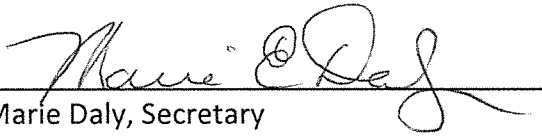
Against: None

Abstain: None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Isaacson

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marie E. Daly", written over a horizontal line.

Marie Daly, Secretary

Prepared by Pamela Lyons