

MINUTES: Waltham Historical Commission Meeting  
January 11, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Richardson at 7:06 PM.

2. Call of the Roll.

Present: Mr. Richardson (chair), Mr. Isaacson (vice chair), Ms. Daly (secretary), Mr. Cox, Ms. Dufromont, Mr. Green. (Mr. Wilson (CPC liaison), arrived during Ms. Clifford's presentation.)

Not Present:

3. Reading and acceptance of December 13, 2015 minutes:

Amendations:

- a. Motion to change "father" to "father-in-law" at top of page 2.
- b. Motion to accept minutes as amended by: Ms. Dufromont  
Second: Ms. Daly    In favor: All    Against:    Abstain:

4. Chair: Announcements

- a. Principal Office Assistant Position

5. Chair: Reading and description of correspondence

- a. Preservation Awards

Mr. Green proposed nominating Mr. Cox for a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in historic preservation, education, scholarship, and outreach.

Motion by Mr. Green                      Second Mr. Isaacson                      All in favor

- b. Mass. Preservation Projects Fund workshops

Mr. Green will attend the meeting tomorrow at MHC and report back. Mr. Green suggested the possibility of a handful of projects for at-risk properties.

6. Chair: Public hearing:

- a. Demolition Delay Hearing: 321 Prospect Hill Road

Applicant Name: David Devane, 85 Summit Street, Waltham

Comments by Applicant:

Discussion with WHC: Postponed until February 8, 2015. Ms. Daly will update her report on the property given new findings.

7. Stonehurst: Monthly Report, Stonehurst Curator Ann Clifford, Stonehurst Subcommittee  
Summary: Report submitted to the Secretary by the Curator

Ms. Clifford discussed urgent needs including the roof and the wooden exterior. Ms. Clifford updated and prioritized needs. Mr. Richardson has proposed having the architect who is providing a roof plan and evaluation, also inspect and provide basic estimates for smaller projects. Ms. Dufromont spoke of the walk-through and how visibly poor the conditions are, and deteriorating. Mr. Cox recommended a regular maintenance plan and approach. Ms. Dufromont raised the urgent issues with the east patio bricks. Ms. Clifford mentioned that this

entrance is a disability access entrance. UV filters have been installed on the third-floor windows. Ms. Clifford requested an allocation of \$1050 in funds for the runner in the dining room, for a 6' x 16-8' runner.

Motion to approve an allotment, not to exceed, \$1050 for the purchase of a runner of for the dining room of the Paine Estate.

Motion by: Mr. Green                      Second: Ms. Daly                      All in favor: All

There will be an upcoming lecture at the estate, partnering with the Historical Society, Friends of Waltham, and City of Waltham.

#### 8. Liaison and subcommittee reports: Fernald, CPC, 9 Hope Ave

**Fernald Report:** Mr. Green is preparing a report in response to a request by the Council and will submit the preliminary draft to the board and Committee Chair in the coming weeks.

**CPC Report:** Mr. Wilson reports that there has not been a meeting of the CPC since the last WHC meeting.

**9 Hope Ave:** Mr. Isaacson reported of a meeting on January 7 with Sheila Fitzpatrick (Vice President of the Historical Society), Marie Daly, himself, Doug Kelleher (Epsilon Associates), and the Boston Children's Hospital archivist at the Bright School archives and looked at the Historical Society records on the hospital. Photographs and records were located and reviewed. Mr. Kelleher and the archivist left to deliberate on how to incorporate materials for the hospital walls. Mr. Isaacson proposed that if the hospital has a contemplation room, they might have some of the original brickwork to commemorate the original Sanderson design.

#### 9. Old Business

- a. Historical plaques program and Carriage Houses/Out buildings inventory, look into whether other municipalities have regulations on attaching antennae to historic facades, notifying purchasers of historic homes

Summary: The office assistant position is not yet filled. As such this item is tabled to the next meeting by the chair.

- b. Notifying purchasers of historic properties

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- c. Rex Trailer CPC Application

Summary: Mr. Green presented an application to the board for approval and reference to the CPC, for a joint proposal with Fred Kimberk, owner of 783 Main Street, for placement of a historical marker honoring the location of Rex Trailer Studios, and the

life of Rex Trailer, a prominent Waltham community-member and early advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Cox preferred it at the archway to the main door. Ms. Daly asked about security. Mr. Cox provided a letter from a former commissioner asking for a loop to run a video of Rex Trailer. Ms. Daly mentioned the success of something similar that had been very successful.

Motion to accept Option B for the cost by Mr. Isaacson

Second: Mr. Richardson

In favor: All Against: Abstain:

Motion to submit the application to the CPC as a co-applicant with the property owner of 783 Main Street by Mr. Green

Second: Ms. Dufromont

In favor: All Against: Abstain:

Mr. Green will let the commission know what the sign company recommends for installation.

#### 10. New Business

##### a. 730 Main Street Trinity Church – T-Mobile

Summary: A Section 106 invitation for comment was sent to the commission. Mr. Richardson reached out to EBI Consulting regarding the proposal and EBI replied that the proposed modifications will take place entirely within the existing belfry and the equipment will be placed in the current equipment room, so there will be no exterior effect.

Mr. Richardson will inform the applicant that the WHC does not intend to make any comments.

##### b. Amendment to commission rules

Summary: Mr. Richardson made revisions to the Rules including the election of officers calendar and quorum. He also added the Fernald Ad Hoc Committee rep. He also added a provision on vacancies. Mr. Richardson removed the language of the governing laws and regulations and substituted it with reference to those laws and regulations, while clarifying procedures around some of the laws, regulations, and procedures. Mr. Richardson then created an addendum document entitled "The Waltham Historical Commission Laws and Regulations Guide." These items are presented for review, to be voted on at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Isaacson had comments for clarification which were noted by the chair. Mr. Isaacson and Ms. Daly noted that the quorum for meetings needed to be 50% of the number of board seats on the commission rather than filled seats. Mr. Isaacson had questions about Article II, g. and h. Mr. Isaacson raised the question of the word

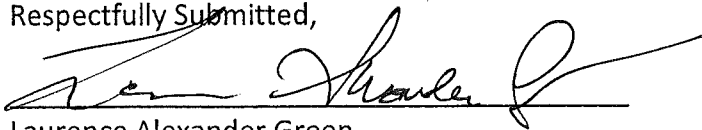
“significance” and its relationship to “preferably preserved.” Mr. Richardson referred to the definition of the terms in the DDO. Mr. Isaacson added that Article Vb2 also applied to Article IV. Mr. Green requested a change in authority for a designee on the Fernald Ad Hoc to be vested in the chair and Vice Chair and asked that the laws and regulations reflect the MoA for Fernald, and other restrictions and agreements.

Mr. Richardson requested a motion to suspend the rules to introduce non-agenda items  
Mr. Isaacson moved. Ms. Daly seconded. All in favor.

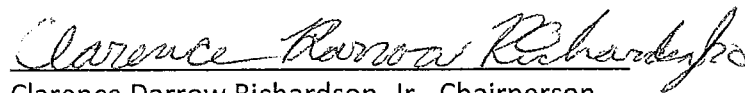
1. Wellington House Report: Mr. Green reported on the step taken regarding hunters on the property.
2. 66-68 Central Street Property  
Mr. Richardson distributed a letter to rescind the commission’s letter to the Board of Survey and Planning meeting because it was brought to the commission’s attention that a demolition determination of not historical significant was issued in September 2013.  
Motion to withdraw the letter to the Board of Survey of Planning by Mr. Isaacson  
Mr. Green second  
All in favor

10. Adjournment  
Motion to Adjourn by: Mr. Richardson  
Second: Mr. Green  
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurence Alexander Green



Clarence Darrow Richardson, Jr., Chairperson