

## APPROVED

### MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION (WHC) MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2015

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Peter Fergusson;; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; David Wright; alternate members Joel Slocum; Arvid von Taube

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in Conference Room G, Selectmen's Office, Wellesley Town Hall. In the absence of member Kathryn Venne, the chair designated Slocum to act in her place at this meeting.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Wright, and **passed unanimously** to postpone consideration of the minutes of the WHC meeting on February 10, 2015 until the next meeting of WHC.
3. Beebe House/Cottage design: Wright reported that the Beebe/Cottage subcommittee had a productive meeting on February 24 with Jordan Warshaw, developer of the Belclare project on the site of the former Wellesley Inn, and two of his architects. During this meeting, Mr. Warshaw reviewed each of WHC's seven design recommendations for "The Cottage," the affordable-housing building modeled on the 1876 Beebe House, which formerly occupied the site. He accepted some recommendations, rejected others as too costly or too "fussy," and worked out compromises on others that were satisfactory to the subcommittee. Revised elevation drawings were emailed to all WHC members on the morning of March 4, the date of the present meeting, and hard copies were distributed at the meeting.

The subcommittee, having conferred earlier in the day, recommended that WHC endorse the design as shown in the revised drawings. Discussion led to one additional design recommendation and one recommendation of materials that would produce the most authentic-looking result. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** that WHC issue the following statement:

**The Wellesley Historical Commission (WHC) is pleased to give its support to the design of the building known as The Cottage, as represented in drawings completed and submitted to WHC on March 4, 2015, with the additional recommendation that the small window in the west elevation, first floor, overlooking the porch, be divided in the same manner as the small foyer window in the south elevation; and further, that the division of windows be accomplished by using "simulated divided lights" in which the grilles are affixed to both sides of the window glass rather than snapped into place above the surface of the glass.**

The chair instructed Wright to inform Mr. Warshaw as soon as possible of WHC's action, and to refer him to recommended manufacturers of the specified window materials.

4. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright