

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Larry McNally, Vice-Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Tad Heuer; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; advisory members Maureen Cary; Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; Arvid Von Taube; guests Catherine Johnson; William Mone

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:09pm in the Arnold Room at the Wellesley Free Library.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to postpone the consideration of the minutes of the meeting of January 7th, 2014 until the next WHC meeting.
3. Proposed Plaque Expansion Project: Dorin and Mone led a discussion about a proposal to create WHC plaques for the houses on Abbott Road that are at least 100 years old. It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to redesignate the existing plaque subcommittee consisting of McNally, Dorin, Fergusson, and Slocum to determine the criteria for awarding plaques and to examine how other communities have approached the issue of historic plaques.
4. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright provided copies of a draft of a letter from the WHC to the homeowners of 62 Wellesley Avenue. After discussion among the WHC members, it was decided that the existing editing subcommittee consisting of Wright, Dorin, Fergusson, and McNally would make the suggested changes to the letter and report back at the next WHC meeting.
5. Proposed Single Building Historic Districts: Robertson provided an update on the status of the proposed SBHDs, including the upcoming presentations for the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee and a public hearing with the Planning Board. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.
6. Hills Branch Library Restoration: Robertson provided an update of the renovations of the Hills Branch Library, including the possibility that the other chimney may also require restoration. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
7. Cochituate Aqueduct Land Acquisition: Wright provided an update on the status of the Town's acquisition of a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
8. Elementary School Buildings: Dorin provided copies of an informational packet from the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the restoration of older schools and a sample feasibility study for the renovation of an elementary school in Kansas. After discussion among the WHC members, it was decided that Wright would schedule a meeting with the School Committee before the end of the month.
9. CPC report: Heuer provided an update on recent CPC activities despite the postponement of the January CPC meeting. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
10. Fuller Brook Park Restoration: Wright provided an update on the latest news regarding the restoration of the Fuller Brook Park. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
11. Beebe House Materials Preservation: Robertson provided an update on the status of the preservation of the salvaged items from the Beebe House as well as details regarding plans of the reconstructed Beebe House. After discussion among WHC members, it was decided that Robertson will continue to contact Jordan Warshaw to inquire about the possibility of preserving the salvaged items as well as acquiring details of the aforementioned plans.
12. Next Meeting: There was discussion regarding where the next six WHC meetings should be held. Wright will contact the WHC regarding the location and time of the future meetings.
13. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin