

## MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON JULY 8, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Tad Heuer; Dwight Lueth; Kathy Venne; advisory member Joshua Dorin; Planning Board member Catherine Johnson; Natural Resources Commission member Raina McManus; guest Laura Fragasso

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Arnold Room at the Wellesley Free Library.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended for the WHC meeting of June 9, 2014.
3. Standish Road Proposed NCD: Dorin provided an update on the proposed Standish Road NCD. No action was needed by the WHC.
4. Wales Street Bridge: Dorin provided an update on the ongoing Wales Street Bridge construction. No action was needed by the WHC.
5. Wellesley Country Club Pool Construction: Members of the WHC discussed the response of the Inspector of Buildings to the Request for Enforcement filed by the WHC in addition to whether ZBA followed Open Meeting Law procedure in its approval of a second set of construction plans of the new Country Club pool. After discussion, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin, Heuer, and Lueth to draft a letter to the relevant Town Boards and Departments detailing both the timeline of events regarding the Country Club pool construction and suggested improvements to the process for approval of projects of historical significance. The draft will be presented for approval at the next WHC meeting.
6. Planning Department Administrative Services: Dorin led a discussion regarding the possibility of the WHC obtaining administrative assistance from the Planning Department. After discussion among WHC members, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to communicate with the Board of Selectmen regarding the need of the WHC for administrative assistance and how to obtain it. Dorin will draft the letter and send it to Wright.
7. Elementary School Buildings: Dorin led a brief discussion regarding sending a draft of the Form B for Hardy Elementary School to the School Facilities Committee. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send a draft of the Form B (as amended) to the SFC. Dorin will draft a cover letter and send it to Wright.
8. 60 Cartwright Road: Dorin reported that a developer is in the process of acquiring the appropriate Town permits that would result in the razing of a late-19<sup>th</sup> Century barn and an early-20<sup>th</sup> Century farmhouse (both of which were once part of the Cartwright farm) on Cartwright Road in the near future. No action was proposed or taken by the WHC.
9. CPC: Heuer provided an update on the most recent CPC meeting. He plans to draft a proposal for CPC funding in support of the WHC's newly expanded plaque program.
10. Wellesley College "Cheever property": Dorin led a discussion regarding a proposal to contact several Town Boards and Departments about the possible sale and development of the historic Cheever property and to ask them to consult with the WHC prior to the issuance of any permits required in the potential development of the property. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send such a letter to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, ZBA, NRC, and the Building Department. Dorin will draft the letter and send it to Wright.

11. 1938 High School Documentation: Wright informed the WHC that it still needs to confirm the contents of the box of official documentation of the 1938 High School that is located in the Great Hall of Town Hall. He will contact the subcommittee formed at the June WHC meeting to schedule a date to accomplish this task.
12. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright informed the WHC that he had made contact with one of the owners of 62 Wellesley Avenue. The WHC will discuss its next steps at the next WHC meeting.
13. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Dorin