

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Tad Heuer; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; advisory members Maureen Cary; Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; Arvid von Taube; Planning Board member Catherine Johnson

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:06pm in the Kingsbury Room at the Wellesley Police Station.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as submitted for the WHC meeting of May 27, 2014.
3. Standish Road Proposed NCD: Catherine Johnson presented a proposal to establish a Neighborhood Conservation District for part of the Standish Road development. In total, there are 83 properties located within the proposed district on the following streets: Standish Road, Brewster Road, Carver Road, Dudley Road, Priscilla Road, and Winslow Road (as well as 1 property on Standish Circle that is currently used as the rear lot for a property on Priscilla Road). After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to form a subcommittee of Wright, Dorin, and Robertson to act as a liaison between the WHC and the residents of the Standish Road neighborhood. The WHC also encouraged these residents to continue to move the process forward.
4. Congregational Church NRHP Statements: After a brief discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to approve the Supplemental Historical Narrative of the Wellesley Congregational Church written by Dorin with changes provided by Wright, Slocum, and von Taube. Wright also invited members of the WHC to the public hearing of the nomination of the Wellesley Congregational Church to the NRHP at the Massachusetts Archives Building in Boston on June 11th at 1pm.
5. Wellesley Country Club Pool Construction and Original Town Hall Monument: There was a substantial discussion among WHC members regarding the construction of the pool at the Wellesley Country Club and its impact on the monument marking the site of Wellesley's original Town Hall. Specifically, it focused on whether the construction was in accordance with the ZBA-approved site plans and whether the monument site was adequately protected. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to file a Request for Enforcement with the Building Department in the matter of the Wellesley Country Club with text provided by Heuer.
6. Wellesley College "North 40": Dorin provided an update on the potential development of the North 40. Fergusson also informed the WHC that Wellesley College has initiated discussions regarding the possible sale and development of the Cheever property. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
7. Date Plaque Program. Dorin provided an update on the status of the plaque program. After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to contact Meghan Jop regarding acquiring administrative assistance from the Planning Department.
8. Elementary School Buildings: Dorin provided an update on the potential renovations and/or replacement of Hardy, Hunnewell, and Upham Elementary Schools. In addition, there was a brief discussion regarding the recent tour of Hardy and Hunnewell Schools by the WHC. Dorin agreed to finish the Form Bs for both schools by the end of the summer.

9. Denton Road NCDC Appointments: Wright provided an update on the vacancy and requested reappointments of the Denton Road NCDC. It was then **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to reappoint Tucker Swan (chair), Herb Nolan, Helen Robertson, and Eugene Cox (alternate) to the Denton Road NCDC.
10. 1938 High School Documentation: Wright provided an update on the creation of official documentation of the 1938 High School, including photographs, a video, and architectural plans that was to fulfill part of the MOA agreed to by the WHC and the Town in 2009. After discussion by WHC members, it was **moved** by Wright, **seconded** by Heuer, **passed unanimously** to designate a group consisting of Wright, McNally, Robertson, and von Taube to confirm that the contents of the box of documentation that is located in Town Hall is consistent with the MOA.
11. Next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 8th at 7pm in the Arnold Room of the Wellesley Free Library. It was also agreed that an end-of-the-year meeting to discuss several issues, including budgetary matters, would be scheduled. Dorin will contact Wright with a tentative agenda.
12. Alternate Membership of WHC: Wright provided an update on the status of the requested appointments for alternate membership for three advisory members of the WHC. No action was needed by the WHC.
13. Fuller Brook Park Committee: Wright provided an update on the first meeting of the Fuller Brook Park Committee. No action was needed by the WHC.
14. Wellesley Inn site/Beebe House: At this time, there is no new information regarding the acquisition of plans for the reconstructed Beebe House.
15. Cochituate Aqueduct Land Transaction: The WHC has been unable to contact MHC to inquire about the status of the MHC review of the potential development of a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct. Wright will continue to try to contact the MHC.
16. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright informed the WHC members that he has left several messages for the owners of 62 Wellesley Avenue to try to schedule a meeting to discuss the condition and possible renovation of the historic house on that property. He has yet to hear back from the owners and will continue to try to contact them in the near future. The WHC members also discussed the idea of writing a Townsman article about 62 Wellesley Avenue should its owners not contact the WHC.
17. CPC: Heuer provided an update on the recent and upcoming CPC meetings. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.
18. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin