

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 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

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:11pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed 4-1** to postpone the consideration of the minutes of the meetings of January 7th, 2014 and February 4th, 2014 until the next WHC meeting.
3. Fuller Brook Park Restoration Project: Wright provided an update on the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee. After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to approve the following statement:

The Wellesley Historical Commission considers Fuller Brook Park to be a historical asset of the town. It supports the current rehabilitation project, and believes that any funding at this stage of the project will go toward enhancing the historic value of the park.

4. Cochituate Aqueduct Land Use Review: Wright provided an update on the MHC review of the proposed Cochituate Aqueduct land acquisition. After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to approve the following statement:

Whereas the Wellesley Historical Commission received certain plans for its review pertaining to proposed construction on the National Register-listed Cochituate Aqueduct property, the Commission reviewed these documents and declines to comment at this time, but urges the Town of Wellesley to convey these plans to the Massachusetts Historical Commission as soon as possible.

5. Elementary School Buildings: Dorin provided copies of a draft of a letter from the WHC to the School Committee regarding the renovations/replacement of Hardy and Hunnewell Elementary Schools. After discussion, it was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send the amended letter to the School Committee.
6. WHC website and outreach: von Taube provided copies of a site map for the new WHC website. After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to give von Taube permission to purchase the three domain names listed in the site map and authorize the WHC website and outreach subcommittee to begin to develop the new website (which will require subsequent approval by the WHC before it goes live).
7. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright noted that changes to the letter from the WHC to the homeowners of 62 Wellesley Avenue had yet to be made. He hopes to engage with the existing editing subcommittee soon to finish the letter and send it to the homeowners.
8. Proposed Single Building Historic Districts: Robertson provided an update on the status of the proposed SBHDs, including the upcoming presentation at Annual Town Meeting. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.
9. CPC: Heuer provided an update on the most recent CPC meeting. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.

10. Assistance from Planning Department: Heuer and Wright led a discussion on how the WHC could receive administrative assistance from the Town. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to explore getting administrative assistance from the Planning Department.
11. Wellesley Inn Site/Beebe House: Wright and Robertson provided an update on the status of the Wellesley Inn site development. After discussion, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Robertson to offer advice and support of the WHC to Jordan Warshaw in reference to the State Building Code and to secure promises to reconstruct the historic Beebe House.
12. Hills Branch Library Restoration: No members of the WHC were sure of the status of the Hills Branch Library restoration. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
13. Wellesley Congregational Church NR Nomination: Wright provided an update on the nomination of the Wellesley Congregational Church to the National Register. Wright will request a copy of the nomination form from Betsy Friedberg of the MHC.
14. Date plaque update: The plaque subcommittee reported that it was in the process of considering a motion to extend the plaque program. No action was taken at this time.
15. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin