

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 7, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Larry McNally, Vice-Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Tad Heuer; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; advisory members Maureen Cary; Joshua Dorin; Arvid von Taube; guest (and former WHC Chairwoman) Margie Arcand

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:04pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended for the WHC meeting of April 9, 2014.
3. Wellesley Square Train Station Sign: Former WHC Chairwoman Margie Arcand presented the WHC with the 'Wellesley' sign that had once hung at the Wellesley Station (on the current site of the post office in Wellesley Square) and had been in the possession of her family for the last 50 years. It was given to the WHC under the condition that any future displays of the sign incorporate a small plaque honoring the Steiger family for its generous donation to the Town.
4. Alternate Members of WHC: Wright provided an update on the process involved with the creation of alternate members of the WHC. It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to ask the Board of Selectmen to appoint Cary, Slocum, and von Taube as alternate members.
5. Fuller Brook Park Committee: Wright provided an update on the creation of the new Fuller Brook Park Committee that will oversee the work of the Fuller Brook Park restoration. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously (with one abstention)** to nominate Wright as the WHC representative to the Fuller Brook Park Committee.
6. Congregational Church NRHP Hearing: Wright provided an update on the application of the Wellesley Congregational Church for its nomination to the NRHP. After discussion among the WHC members, it was agreed that the WHC should meet with the applicants from the Church at its earliest convenience. Wright will contact them immediately to schedule such a meeting.
7. Wellesley College "North 40": Wright led a discussion among the WHC members regarding the proposed sale of the North 40. In addition, there was discussion regarding the potential sale of two other properties owned by Wellesley College: the Rollins lot at 636 Washington Street and the Cheever lot at 828 Washington Street. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to form a subcommittee of Dorin, Fergusson, Heuer, and Robertson to examine all things historical involving Wellesley College.
8. Date Plaque Program: Dorin provided an update on the plaque program and requested permission from the WHC to send information regarding the plaque program and date approval forms to homeowners of qualifying houses within the rest of the Belvedere Estates. After discussion among the WHC members, it was decided that Dorin would send a draft of the cover letter to the other WHC members for authorization at the next WHC meeting.
9. CPC: There was no discussion regarding CPC because its most recent meeting was cancelled.
10. New Single Building Historic Districts: Robertson provided an update on the status of the newly-approved Single Building Historic Districts. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.

11. Elementary School Buildings: Dorin provided an update on the recent meetings of the School Facilities Committee. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.
12. Wellesley Inn Site/Beebe House: Wright informed the WHC that he had yet to send a letter to Jordan Warshaw requesting copies of architectural plans for the reconstructed Beebe House, but he would do so in the immediate future.
13. Wellesley Hills Branch Library Restoration: Robertson informed the WHC that there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Hills Branch Library restoration on May 17th. All WHC members are invited.
14. Wellesley Veterans Parade: Wright encouraged all interested members of the WHC to march in the Wellesley Veterans Parade on May 18th.
15. 48 Clovelly Road: Lueth provided an update on the renovation of 48 Clovelly Road. No action was needed by the WHC at this time.
16. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright informed the WHC that the letter to the homeowners of 62 Wellesley Avenue was nearing completion and would be sent to them in the near future.
17. Cochituate Aqueduct Land Acquisition: Wright provided an update on the MHC review of the proposed development on a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct. Wright will contact the MHC to inquire about the status of the review.
18. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin