

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; advisory members Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; Arvid von Taube; guest and Town Government Study Committee Vice Chairwoman Rose Mary Donahue

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:06pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended for the WHC meeting of September 8, 2014.
3. Town Government Study Committee: TGSC Vice Chair Rose Mary Donahue led a discussion on what improvements need to be made to Town Government in order to increase the effectiveness of the WHC. No actions were taken. The WHC will meet in the near future to deliberate on the TGSC questionnaire and will provide the TGSC written answers to these questions.
4. 135 Great Plain Avenue: Wright and Dorin reported on the proposed sale and development of the 12-acre parcel at 135 Great Plain Avenue and explained how the Natural Resource Protection Development bylaw would apply. After discussion, it was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to form a subcommittee consisting of Wright and Dorin to draft a letter regarding the proposed development of 135 Great Plain Avenue for approval at the next WHC meeting.
5. Hills Branch Library Patio: Wright gave a report on the WHC inspection of the deterioration and cracking of the bluestone patio at the Hills Branch Library. After discussion by the WHC, Wright agreed to request more time from the patio repair company in order to determine the most appropriate solution. Meanwhile, Dorin will research whether the bluestone patio is an original feature of the library.
6. 1938 High School Documentation: Wright provided an update on the approval process of the documentation of the 1938 High School. No action was needed by the WHC. (After the meeting was adjourned, the box of documentation was moved from the Great Hall to the balcony of the Great Hall for temporary storage.)
7. WHC Plaques: Dorin provided copies of research profiles for five houses: 18 Crescent Street, 9 & 48 Livermore Road, 594 Washington Street, and 19 Weston Road. After discussion, it was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties.
8. WHC Website: von Taube presented a draft of the new WHC website. No action was needed by the WHC.
9. Next WHC meeting: The next WHC meeting will be a retreat held on October 7th at a location to be determined.
10. Beebe House Reconstruction: The WHC has yet to receive architectural plans of the reconstructed Beebe House. After discussion, Wright agreed to send another letter to Jordan Warshaw requesting these plans.
11. North 40: Fergusson gave an update on the discussions regarding the potential sale of the North 40. No action was needed by the WHC.
12. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin