

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Tad Heuer; Dwight Lueth; Kathy Venne; advisory members Joshua Dorin; Arvid von Taube

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:07pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as submitted for the WHC meeting of July 29, 2014.
3. Election of Officers: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Heuer, and **passed unanimously** to re-elect Wright as Chairman and McNally as Vice Chairman for Fiscal Year 2015.
4. Elementary Schools: Three separate items were discussed regarding the renovations/replacement of Hardy, Hunnewell, and Upham Elementary Schools:
 - a. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send a draft of the Form B for Hunnewell Elementary School as amended to the SFC. Dorin will send Wright a draft of the cover letter.
 - b. Dorin led a discussion on the latest SFC meeting and the final set of scenarios for the three schools as determined by the SFC. No action was needed by the WHC.
 - c. Dorin led a discussion regarding whether the WHC should take steps to list Hardy and/or Hunnewell on the National Register of Historic Places. It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to consult with Kathy Broomer regarding the feasibility of listing either school on the National Register, and to contact members of the Hardy and Hunnewell community and gauge their interest in such a proposal (contingent on a favorable response from Broomer).
5. WHC Plaques: Dorin provided copies of drafts of the General Plaque Information Sheet and Plaque Order Form, as well as copies of research profiles for eight houses: 1, 7, 15, 23 & 44 Arlington Road, 45 Cliff Road, 18 Leighton Road, and 15 Washburn Avenue. After discussion, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to accept the Information Sheet and Order Form as amended for use within the WHC Plaque Program. It was also **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Venne, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send these materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties. Dorin will work with Wright to draft a cover letter to accompany these materials.
6. Wellesley Country Club Pool Construction: Wright led a discussion regarding the latest draft of the WHC letter on the Country Club pool construction. It was then **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send the letter as amended to Barbara Searle and Katherine Babson.
7. 1938 High School Documentation: Wright informed the WHC that the 1938 High School Documentation subcommittee met to confirm that the contents within the documentation box that was stored at Town Hall complied with the 2009 Memorandum of Agreement. It was then **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to approve receiving delivery of the documentation of the 1938 High School as specified in the MOA with the exception of the original drawings of the 1938 building. (A subsequent check later that evening showed, however, that the drawings were not missing.)

8. Beebe House: Wright had yet to hear from Jordan Warshaw regarding the WHC's concerns over the design of the reconstructed Beebe House. He will contact Meghan Jop to request that the Board of Selectmen ask Warshaw to respond to the WHC.
9. Website and Posting of Minutes: After brief discussion, Dorin agreed to give copies of approved minutes of WHC meetings to the Town Clerk. He will also send copies to von Taube for posting on the new WHC website.
10. Hills Branch Library Patio: Wright informed the WHC that he and Helen Robertson will inspect the new patio of the Hills Branch Library in the upcoming future.
11. Annual Town Report: Wright provided copies of the latest draft of the WHC report for the 2014 Annual Town Report. After discussion, it was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Wright to send the Town Report draft as amended to Terry Connelly.
12. WHC retreat/next meeting: The next WHC meeting will be on September 23rd. Location is to be determined.
13. Wellesley College "Cheever property": Dorin and Fergusson led a discussion regarding the status of the Cheever property and the North 40. After discussion, Fergusson agreed to contact Elizabeth Hunnewell and Steve Grossman to form a committee to respond to the potential sale and development of the Cheever property. No action was needed by the WHC.
14. It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin