

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2015

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; alternate members Joel Slocum; Arvid von Taube; advisory member Joshua Dorin

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 7:10pm in Conference Room G at Wellesley Town Hall. Given the absence of five regular members, Heuer designated Slocum and von Taube as substitute members in place of absent members Peter Fergusson and David Wright, respectively.
2. Citizen Speak: No citizens present chose to speak on matters not on the agenda.
3. Minutes: It was **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of May 13, 2015.
4. TGSC Discussion: Given the unavailability of TGSC member Rosemary Donahue, the WHC held off discussing the recommendations of the TGSC at this time.
5. WHC Plaque Approvals: Dorin provided copies of research profiles for two houses: 26 Kingsbury Street and 1 Mulherin Lane. After discussion, it was **moved** by von Taube, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties.
6. WHC Plaque Expansion: Heuer and Dorin led a discussion regarding several issues relating to the financial component of the WHC's plaque program. After discussion, it was agreed that Heuer would contact the Town of Wellesley CFO to determine the logistics of depositing payments from homeowners and withdrawing CPC funding to cover a part of the plaque manufacturing fees. It was also agreed that Heuer would speak with James Ryan of the Finance Department to develop an RFP for the research associated with the WHC plaque program.
7. Denton Road NCD Reappointment: Heuer informed the WHC of a clerical oversight whereby Denton Road NCD Commission member Janet Giele was not reappointed for a new term at the end of Fiscal Year 2014. It was therefore **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by von Taube, and **passed unanimously** that the WHC reappoint Janet Giele to the Denton Road NCD Commission for the three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2018.
8. WHC Membership Vacancies: Heuer notified the WHC that WHC member Kathy Venne is resigning from the WHC and that members Dwight Lueth and David Wright are requesting to become alternate members following the end of the fiscal year. This would create the need for the WHC to fill three vacant member seats. Names of suggested candidates to fill these seats should be given to Heuer via email.
9. 135 Great Plain Avenue: von Taube provided an update regarding the proposed NRPD subdivision at 135 Great Plain Avenue. It was then agreed that von Taube would get in touch with NRC Director Brandon Schmitt to schedule a time at which WHC members could discuss this proposal with NRC.
10. Physical Object Archiving: Heuer and von Taube led a discussion on how the WHC should archive its physical object collection. It was agreed that the WHC should first take an inventory and catalogue the collection in order to determine where best to relocate the objects.
11. Cheever Property: Heuer provided an update on the possible sale and development of the Cheever property. After discussion, it was agreed that von Taube would reach out to NRC Director Brandon Schmitt to consider the possibility of discussing this matter with NRC in the near future.

12. LHD Exemption for WHC Plaques: Heuer informed the WHC that the Historic District Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 23rd for a request to categorically approve and allow signs sanctioned by the WHC not exceeding two square feet in area within all historic districts in the Town of Wellesley.
13. Wellesley Historical Society Plaque Files: Heuer updated the WHC on the acquisition of the WHC files that have been held by the Wellesley Historical Society. WHC member David Wright is currently in possession of a portion of these files. Should the WHC need to retain these files beyond the three-month loan period, an email requesting such should be sent to Historical Society curator Kathleen Fahey.
14. Upcoming Meetings: It has yet to be determined whether the WHC will meet this summer. Heuer will provide more information on the summer schedule in the near future.
15. Adjourn: It was **moved** by von Taube, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin