

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 13, 2015

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; David Wright; alternate member Joel Slocum; advisory member Joshua Dorin

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in Conference Room G at Wellesley Town Hall. Given the absence of two regular members, Heuer designated Slocum as substitute member in place of absent WHC member Helen Robertson.
2. Citizen Speak: No citizens present chose to speak on matters not on the agenda.
3. Minutes: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of April 15, 2015.
4. WMLP ODAS: Heuer provided an update on the additional historical sites provided to the American Tower Corporation (ATC) by the WHC and the subsequent analysis by ATC of the effect of the Outdoor Distributed Antenna System (ODAS) proposed by the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant on these historical sites. According to ATC, there was no adverse effect. After discussion, it was **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **voted unanimously** to authorize Heuer to send a letter to ATC expressing the WHC's endorsement of the findings of no adverse effect and that the WHC encourages the proposed ODAS over the more common antennae systems that require rooftop installations.
5. TGSC: Heuer summarized the recent TGSC meeting of the Town's land use-related boards and committees on May 12th at the Wellesley Police Station at which three members of the WHC were present. After discussion, it was agreed that Heuer will contact TGSC member Rosemary Donahue requesting a meeting with representatives of the TGSC in order to discuss the recommendations of the TGSC and how they may address the needs of the WHC.
6. WHC Plaque Approvals: Dorin provided copies of research profiles for six houses: 20 Brook Street, 45 Cottage Street, 94 Crest Road, 23 Howe Street, 324 Linden Street, and 43 Livermore Road. After discussion, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Wright, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties.
7. MLP Substation: Heuer led a discussion regarding a proposal by the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant to repair the copper-lined roof of the historic electric substation at 1 Municipal Way. Although the initial discussions between Heuer and MLP Director Dick Joyce and Facilities & Maintenance Department Director Joe McDonough involved the possibility of obtaining CPC funding to cover part of the roof repair costs, it was determined by Joyce and McDonough prior to this WHC meeting that the Town's insurer would cover the full costs associated with replacing the roof with the appropriate copper detailing. The MLP and FMD, however, expressed interest in applying for CPC funding to obtain the services of a historic preservation consultant in order to conduct an analysis on what would be needed to completely restore the substation building. After discussion, it was agreed that Heuer will draft and send to CPC a letter of support for the request by MLP for the services of a historic preservation consultant for the restoration of the historic substation building.
8. Denton Road NCD: Following the notice of the expiration of the appointment of Slocum to the Denton Road NCD Commission, it was voted 6-0 (Slocum abstaining) that Heuer will recommend to the Town Clerk that Slocum be reappointed to the Denton Road NCD Commission as the resident alternative with the term expiring 2018.
9. Plaque Expansion: Heuer and Dorin led a discussion regarding several issues relating to the WHC's plaque program, including the difficulties with the installation process and the logistics associated with

incorporating into the plaque program the recently approved CPC funding that will be available at the start of Fiscal Year 2016. It was agreed that further discussion on these subjects is needed. First, however, Dorin will contact the Town Treasurer to determine the optimal procedure for homeowners submitting payments for the WHC plaques.

10. Wellesley Parade: McNally provided an update on the WHC's participation in the upcoming Wellesley Veterans' Parade on May 17th. It was agreed that Wright will make arrangements for the WHC to obtain a historic car for the purposes of riding in during the parade.
11. Cheever Property: Fergusson provided an update on the recent meeting of members of the WHC with Luisa & Willard Hunnewell to discuss the possible sale of the Cheever property by Wellesley College and its subsequent development. The WHC then discussed whether the WHC should initiate the establishment of a multi-board committee to determine the appropriate response of the Town to a potential sale and development of the 22-acre property. It was then agreed that the WHC should discuss this proposal first with NRC, and that Fergusson will contact NRC Director Brandon Wright to schedule a meeting between NRC and members of the WHC at its earliest convenience.
12. Inventory: Heuer has yet to contact the working group of WHC members assigned to develop an inventory of the town's historic buildings. An email to this group will be sent out shortly.
13. Historical Society Files: Wright provided an update on the efforts of the WHC to obtain a subset of the WHC plaque-related files that are currently stored at the Wellesley Historical Society. Wright will pick up the files soon.
14. House Tour: Heuer notified the WHC that Michael Tobin, a resident of the Cottage Street Historic District, is working to arrange for a public tour of several homes within the district. The WHC will await more information from Tobin and his neighbors.
15. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin