

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Peter Fergusson; alternate members Dwight Lueth; Joel Slocum; Arvid von Taube; David Wright; advisory member Joshua Dorin

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 6:03pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall. Given the absence of five regular members, Heuer designated Lueth, Slocum, von Taube, and Wright as substitute members in place of three of the full member vacancies and absent full member Helen Robertson, respectively.
2. Citizen Speak: No citizens present chose to speak on matters not on the agenda.
3. Minutes: It was **moved** by Wright, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of October 13, 2015.
4. WHC Plaque Approvals: Dorin provided copies of research profiles for four houses: 33 Atwood Street, 67 Brook Street, 16 Howe Street, and 2 Solon Street. After discussion, it was **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by von Taube, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties except for 67 Brook Street. After additional discussion on whether 67 Brook Street should be eligible for a WHC plaque given its significant renovation during the late 1990s, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by von Taube, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of 67 Brook Street.
5. WHC Member Candidate Interviews: It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a preliminary screening of candidates for WHC membership.
6. WHC Plaque Program RFP: After exiting Executive Session and returning to Open Session, Heuer informed the WHC that he is actively working with the Town Finance Department to develop a RFP for research associated with the WHC plaque program.
7. Possible Demolition Delay Bylaw: The WHC agreed to postpone discussion of a possible demolition delay for the Town of Wellesley until the regular WHC meeting in December.
8. Black Benches in Great Hall: Heuer notified the WHC that there was an inquiry from Town Hall staff about whether the numerous black benches in the Great Hall are historic and thus worth keeping. After examination and discussion, it was the informal assessment of WHC members that, indeed, the benches are old, but finely constructed and should not be sold or given away by the Town.
9. Cochituate and Sudbury Aqueduct Display Boards: The WHC received notification from the Trails Committee that there is interest among its members to install signs displaying relevant information on the NRHP-listed Cochituate and Sudbury Aqueducts. No action was needed by the WHC.
10. Denton Road Guidelines: The Denton Road NCD Commission is currently working to update its guidelines and will be holding a joint WHC/Planning Board public hearing to approve these changes in the near future.
11. WHC Member Candidate Interviews: It was **moved** by Heuer, **seconded** by Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to reenter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a preliminary screening of candidates for WHC membership, and that the WHC would not reconvene into Open Session following the completion of the interview.

12. Adjourn: It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by von Taube, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin