

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF July 10, 2017

Present: Arvid von Taube, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Members: Grant Brown, Rise Shepsle; Alternates: Joel Slocum, Robert Carley, Dwight Lueth, Michael Racette; Advisory member: Joshua Dorin; Guests: Vicki Schaffler, Penny Post, Elizabeth Shlala, and Neal Goins.

1. Von Taube called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Kingsbury Room – Wellesley Police Station. Given the absence of three full board members, von Taube designated Lueth, Racette and Slocum in place of these absences.
2. Minutes: It was moved by Slocum, seconded by Racette, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of June 13, 2017.
3. Executive Session – It was voted and approved to move into Executive Session. WHC Membership Candidates Interviews: The WHC had separate interviews with the following candidates for WHC membership: Penny Post, Elizabeth Shlala, and Neal Goins; as well as alternate members Vicki Schaffler and Michael Racette for full membership.
4. House Plaque Approvals: No approvals
5. Annual Town Report: Racette will prepare report.
6. HHU/School Building Committee (SBC) – RFP Subcommittee: Dorin reported that the purpose of the SBC, which will work under the guidance of the School Committee in collaboration with the Board of Selectmen, is to direct the building process through feasibility study, schematic design and design development and construction. WHC has provided the SBC a list of questions. WHC would like the architects chosen for the project to have preservation experience. The goal is to hold a special town meeting in November for funds for proof of concept and feasibility.
7. Beebe Plaque: Lueth will show the prospective text to Jordan Warshaw, the developer of Belclare.
8. General discussion of potential 40B projects. 135 Great Plain Avenue, Northland Residential: plan has changed from 10-12 single family homes to 44 townhouse units. WHC will send a letter expressing WHC's concern with preserving the stone playhouse. 1-8 Delanson Circle, Victor Sheen, Delanson Realty Partners: plan for 95 rental units – concern with density and traffic related to the proposed rental units. 680 Worcester Street, Jay J. Derenzo: plan for 20 units, 3 stories. It is the same plan that had been previously rejected. Weston Road, Pete Holland: 4 houses near North 40, possibly a 40B site.
9. It was moved by Slocum, seconded by McNally, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rise Shepsle