# Meeting of the Wellesley Historical Commission 10 December 2018 | 19:00 Great Hall, Town Hall | Wellesley, Massachusetts

**Voting Members Present**: Shepsle, Lilley, McNally, Brown (Chair), Racette, Schauffler, Shlala (voting on behalf of Gleysteen)

Advisory/Alternate Members Present: Maitin, Fergusson, Loccisano

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 19:05

## 2. Public hearing DR-2018-53 Demolition Review Bylaw Preservation Determination

# **Property: 51 Smith Street**

Owners Donna and Joseph Indresano appeared to present a brief history of the property and a discussion of their proposed project scope.

Claudia Zarazua-Urquidi of the Planning Department presented the Planning Department report noting the significant of the home relative to the neighborhood and the architectural merits of the existing home.

Mr. Brown commented on the context of the home relative to the neighborhood

Mr. Lilley commented on the historic nature of the home's details and architectural elements relative to the neighborhood.

Mr McNally moved that the building be preferably preserved based on architectural style; Shlala seconded. Unanimous vote in favor that the building be preferably preserved.

### 3. Public hearing DR-2018-38 Waiver Application

# **Property: 10 Livermore Road**

Mr. Brown addressed the room confirming he has no conflict regarding the present home.

Loccisano voting on behalf of Goins.

Maitin voting on behalf of Schauffler.

Shepsle and Brown signed attestations confirming review of the prior meeting regarding 10 Livermore.

Attorney David Himmelberger and Mike Tartamella (Patrick Ahearn Architects) appeared on behalf of the owners. Mr. Himmelberger provided a brief background on the present property noting the process to date and the scope of the bylaw.

Mr. Tartamella provided comments to the room regarding the present design in view of prior comments from the board. Mr. Tartamella spoke to the owner's desire to address the concerns of the neighbors and their extensive investigation into alternatives that fit their needs and addressed neighborhood concerns.

Claudia Zarazua-Urquidi of the Planning Department expressed her approval of the proposed plans and recommended granting of the waiver.

Mr. Brown opened the floor to neighbor comments from which there were several in support of the proposed plans.

Mr. McNally moved that the waiver application of 10 September 2018 be granted on the basis of the plans in front of the Board and contingent on the Applicant's obligation to work with the Planning Department to resolve any remaining issues. Loccisano seconded.

Unanimous vote in favor that the motion to grant the waiver.

#### 4. **Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes by Maitin Seconded Schauffler. Unanimous vote in favor.

## 5. House Plaque Approval / House Plaque Research Contract

Catherine Johnson presented a brief overview of the status of House Plaque research and installation on behalf of Mr. Joshua Dorin.

#### 6. Project Updates:

Fells Library Roof: an article for the Townsman is in prep with an anticipated publication shortly

<u>HHU Update</u>: Mr. Dorin and Mr. Brown toured the Hunnewell school and provided comments on the proposed project. The Board made mention of Mr. Gleysteen's participation in the school building committee. Mr. Brown noted an ongoing discussion regarding a historic tree located on the property but confirmed such discussions are outside of the scope of this Board.

Beebee Plaque: Mr. McNally confirm receipt of a first bid for the plaque with a second bid in process.

<u>Historic Articles:</u> Mr. Brown called for nominations of homes that are either historic in nature or exhibiting historically sensitive renovations. A brief discussion ensued regarding 5 Carver Rd and 22 Longfellow.

#### 7. New Business

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 20:49