

## MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Larry McNally, Vice-Chairman; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; Kathy Venne; advisory members Maureen Cary; Joshua Dorin; guests Judy Gunner; Tad Heuer; Catherine Johnson

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. New Single Building Historic District Proposal: Robertson provided a detailed description of the process of establishing a SBHD. Guests Catherine Johnson and Judy Gunner then presented a proposal to establish a SBHD for 126 Woodlawn Avenue. It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to pursue establishing a SBHD for 126 Woodlawn Avenue. It was also decided that the WHC would simultaneously work towards establishing a SBHD for 26 Elmwood Road. A study committee consisting of Wright, Robertson, Cary, Dorin, and Slocum was then formed to move the process forward.
3. Minutes: It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013 as submitted. It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of October 29, 2013 as amended. It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of November 8, 2013 as amended.
4. Cochituate Aqueduct: Wright gave an update of the actions of the WHC in regards to notifying the MHC about a review of the conveyance of a state-owned parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct. Discussion then followed among the WHC members about whether the WHC should take any follow-up action. It was decided that Wright will contact the MHC to inquire as to whether it had received the notification from the WHC.
5. Elementary School Buildings: Wright and Dorin reported to the WHC on the actions of the subcommittee formed to consider the response of the WHC to a proposal by the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee regarding the renovations to (and possible replacement of) Hardy, Hunnewell, and Upham Elementary Schools. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to add advisory member, Arvid Von Taube, to the subcommittee. Discussed then followed about how the WHC should respond to this proposal. It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to authorize the subcommittee to draft a letter to the School Committee, PBC, and the Board of Selectmen that will be reviewed at the next WHC meeting. In addition, Dorin will work towards putting together MHC inventory forms for Hardy and Hunnewell Schools.
6. CPC – Sprague School Roof Application: Lueth gave an update on the efforts of the School Committee to pursue CPC funding for renovations to the Sprague School roof. No action was taken by the WHC.
7. Wellesley Inn Site/Beebe House: Wright reported of an invitation to the WHC by Meghan Jop for the groundbreaking of the Wellesley Inn site scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Members of the WHC plan to attend.
8. Hills Branch Library Restoration: Robertson gave an update on the progress of the restoration of the chimney wall of the Hills Branch Library. It was reported that construction should be finished by mid-December.
9. Kepes Panels: An update on the Kepes Panels was delayed until the next meeting.
10. Town Hall Renovations: Wright provided an update on the proposed renovations of Town Hall. It was decided that Wright will draft a letter to Hans Larsen and the Board of Selectmen requesting that the WHC be updated on the proposed renovations. The WHC will review this letter at its next meeting. Wright will also contact the National Park Service to request a copy of the National Register form for Town Hall.
11. It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Dorin