

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON OCTOBER 1, 2013

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; Kathy Venne; advisory members Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
2. Minutes: Dorin provided copies of two versions of the minutes for the WHC meeting of September 18, 2013. It was decided that the shorter draft of the minutes was satisfactory. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to accept the shorter version of the minutes as amended.
3. Hills Branch Library Restoration: There was no further information at this time.
4. WHC Vacancy: Wright informed the WHC that two candidates for the vacant WHC position have been contacted. An additional town resident has expressed interest. Wright and Fergusson both urged that the WHC work quickly to fill the vacant position. Wright will be in touch with the members of the WHC once he hears back from the candidates.
5. Wellesley Inn site/Beebe House: Wright has yet to hear back from Jordan Warshaw regarding the request from the WHC to see detailed plans for the reconstruction of the Beebe House. It was decided that Wright will contact Warshaw by phone to request copies of those plans as well as to schedule a time when the WHC can remove items from the Wellesley Inn that are stored in the Beebe House.
6. Cochituate Aqueduct land acquisition: Dorin reported that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has yet to contact him regarding his inquiry into whether the MHC had reviewed the Town's plan to convey a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct to the owner of Dunkin' Donuts for the purposes of expanding its parking lot. It was decided that Wright will contact Hans Larsen to inform him that the WHC is looking into this issue.
7. Town Hall interior renovation: There was no further information at this time. Wright will contact Hans Larsen to inquire about the status of the renovation plans.
8. Replacement of Elementary Schools: Wright provided the WHC with an update on the School Committee's plans regarding the renovations and/or replacement of the elementary schools. Recent photographs of Hardy, Hunnewell, and Upham Schools were shown as well. Dorin then provided the WHC with copies of fact sheets on the history and architecture of Hardy and Hunnewell. It was decided that more information was needed, in particular about Upham School.
9. New Business: Robertson informed the WHC that architectural historian, Judith Hull, was interested in working on the inventory of historical structures in Wellesley as a paid consultant.
10. 400 Worcester Street: Robertson informed the WHC that plans regarding 400 Worcester Street came before a recent Design Review Board meeting. Robertson and Dorin informed the WHC of the history of the house, including its use as the first parsonage for the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church. No action was taken by the WHC.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin