

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice-Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; advisory members Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; former member Erin Hester

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Minutes: Wright provided copies of a draft of the minutes for the WHC meeting of August 6, 2013. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to accept as provided.
3. Massachusetts Historical Commission Conference: Wright inquired about the interest of WHC members to attend the annual conference of the Massachusetts Historical Commission on October 18th in Lexington. At least four WHC members expressed a desire to attend the conference.
4. Wellesley College Renovations: Members discussed Wellesley 2025, an ambitious redevelopment plan by Wellesley College to renovate many of its historic campus buildings by 2025. Although no action by the WHC appeared necessary at this time, discussion followed regarding past attempts by the Town to apply historic designations on these buildings.
5. Hills Branch Library Restoration: Wright notified the WHC that a contractor had been selected to perform the restoration of the chimney wall of the Wellesley Hills Branch Library.
6. 48 Clovelly Road Window Restoration: Lueth reported that the owner of 48 Clovelly Road, who had requested a letter of support from the WHC, had gotten approval for the project through an appeals process at the state level.
7. Inventory of Historic Structures: Hester and Dorin gave a description of the first inventory of Wellesley's historical structures that had been completed by the WHC in the 1970s through the early 1990s. Hester then summarized the efforts taken by the WHC three years ago to update the inventory, including the successful application of CPC funding and completion of a pre-survey that had been recommended by the MHC. Hester then distributed copies of the pre-survey and it was recommended that a copy be put on the WHC website. After discussion regarding the pre-survey, Dorin suggested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss further the issue of the inventory. The WHC was unable to schedule a meeting time for the subcommittee due to the absence of several Commission members.
8. At 8:45pm, Wright invited a motion to adjourn the meeting earlier than planned due to an unanticipated scheduling conflict and to reconvene on September 17th at 7pm. It was **moved** by Lueth, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **defeated** 2-1 with one abstention. Citing a previous obligation, Lueth, however, left the meeting at 8:48pm. Lacking a quorum, Wright declared a continuation of the meeting until that date and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Dorin