

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice-Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; advisory members Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; guest Catherine Johnson

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Minutes: Dorin provided copies of a draft of the minutes for the WHC meeting of September 10, 2013. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to accept the minutes as amended.
3. Hills Branch Library Restoration: Robertson reported the WHC that a contractor had been selected to perform the restoration of the Wellesley Hills Branch Library.
4. CPC: Lueth summarized the most recent CPC meeting. It was decided that no further action was required on the Beebe House at this time.
5. WHC Vacancy: Wright informed the WHC that there are two potential candidates for the vacant WHC position and that more candidates may respond to a letter submitted to the Townsman.
6. Beebe House: Wright provided plans of the reconstructed Beebe House submitted by Jordan Warshaw to the Planning Department in August as well as a draft of a letter from the WHC to Warshaw. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to allow Wright to amend the letter and send it to Warshaw.
7. Cochituate Aqueduct/Renovations to Town Hall/Replacement of Elementary Schools: Catherine Johnson, a Town Meeting Member who also sits on the Planning Board, spoke of three issues – the town's purchase of a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct and subsequent conveyance to the owner of Dunkin' Donuts, the renovations of the interior of Town Hall, and the potential replacement of three of Wellesley's elementary schools – with which she believed the WHC should become involved. It was discussed among the WHC members on whether any action should be taken on each issue. It was then decided that Wright would draft a letter to Hans Larsen and Gig Babson inquiring about the details regarding the purchase of the aqueduct and the renovations to Town Hall. It was also **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to allow Wright to contact KC Kato of the School Committee informing her that the WHC hopes to speak at a future meeting regarding the renovations of the elementary schools.
8. Annual Town Report: Wright provided copies of a draft of the WHC report for the 2012-13 Annual Town Report. It was decided to insert an additional item describing the WHC's re-affirmation that Brookside Road was an area of historical significance in support of the efforts of the Friends of Brookside to preserve the character of the road.
9. Inventory of Historical Structures: Dorin opted to delay any discussion on this matter until a future meeting.

10. At 9:15pm, it was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Dorin