

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2016

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Rise Shepsle; alternate members Emily Maitin; Michael Racette; Joel Slocum; advisory member Joshua Dorin

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 7:04pm in Conference Room G at Wellesley Town Hall. Given the absence of three full members, Heuer designated Maitin, Racette, and Slocum in place of Arvid von Taube, Grant Brown, and Helen Robertson, respectively.
2. Citizen Speak: No citizens present chose to speak on matters not on the agenda.
3. Minutes: It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of April 14, 2016.
4. CPC Plaque Research RFP: The WHC opened and examined all bids received for the revised WHC Plaque Research RFP. The only bid received was from Joshua Dorin. Upon the advice of Town Counsel, all WHC members signed disclosure forms for an appearance of a conflict of interest to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen because the bidder is an Advisory Member of the WHC. Copies of the Non-Price Proposal were distributed and examined by the WHC. After discussion, it was **moved** by Racette, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** that the WHC believes this proposal should be accepted contingent on the Price-Proposal, as 5 of the 7 proposal grading categories were found to be highly advantageous while the other 2 categories were found to be advantageous. Copies of the Price Proposal were then distributed and examined by the WHC. After discussion, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Racette, and **passed unanimously** to accept the Price Proposal as submitted. It was then **moved** by Racette, **seconded** by Shepsle, and **passed unanimously** to grant an exemption to Dorin under Section 19B of M.G.L. Chapter 286A (State Ethics Laws) allowing him to complete work for the WHC plaque program prior to the establishment of a contract between him and the Town.
5. WHC Plaque Approvals: Dorin provided copies of research profiles for fifteen houses: 8 Cottage Street, 20 Dover Road, 23 Forest Street, 21 Great Plain Avenue, 20 Howe Street, 24 Howe Street, 5 Inverness Road, 15 Livermore Road, 31 Livermore Road, 3 Solon Street, 69 Temple Road (barn only), 7 Waban Street, 182 Walnut Street, 514 Washington Street, and 6 Wellesley Avenue. After discussion, it was **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by Racette, and **passed unanimously** to authorize Dorin to send WHC plaque application materials to the homeowners of the aforementioned properties.
6. Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend: Dorin reported on the progress of the WHC's subcommittee formed to facilitate the WHC's participation in the upcoming Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend. Preparations for both the historic walk on Wellesley College's campus on Saturday morning and tabling at Hunnewell Field prior to the fireworks on Sunday are complete. The subcommittee will continue to coordinate the WHC's participation in the open houses and parade. The WHC then discussed the proposed design for the WHC banner that is to be used in the parade. It was then **moved** by Maitin, **seconded** by Racette, and **passed 5 to 2** to approve the following design of the WHC banner: black background, white text (sans serif), and red border. Slocum will be in charge of getting the banner made.
7. Upcoming WHC Vacancies: Heuer informed the WHC that he and alternate member David Wright will be resigning from the WHC at the end of June. The WHC will discuss recruitment of possible replacements at a later meeting.
8. Next Meeting: The next regular WHC meeting will be on May 10th at a location to be determined.
9. Adjourn: It was **moved** by Racette, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin