

## MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2016

Present: members Tad Heuer, Chairman; Lawrence McNally, Vice Chairman; Helen Robertson; Arvid von Taube; alternate members Robert Carley; Dwight Lueth; Emily Maitin; Joel Slocum; Diogo Teixeira; David Wright; advisory member Joshua Dorin

1. Heuer called the meeting to order at 7:09pm in the Great Hall at Wellesley Town Hall. Given the absence of three full members, Heuer designated Maitin, Slocum, and Teixeira in place of Rise Shepsle, Grant Brown, and Peter Fergusson, 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 Slocum, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes as amended of the WHC meeting of May 10, 2016.
4. WHC Chair Election for FY17: Heuer informed the WHC that von Taube has expressed interest in serving as chair for the upcoming fiscal year. It was then **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by Maitin, and **passed 6-0 (abstention by von Taube)** to elect von Taube as chair of the WHC for the 2017 fiscal year. It was also **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** that the WHC note its gratification to Heuer and Wright for their services on the Commission.
5. CPC Appointment: Heuer announced that Maitin has expressed interest in serving as the WHC representative to the CPC. It was then **moved** by Slocum, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed 6-0 (abstention by Maitin)** to appoint Maitin to the CPC for the remainder of Heuer's three-year term beginning on July 1, 2016.
6. Denton Road NCD Commission Appointments: It was **moved** by Maitin, **seconded** by von Taube, and **passed unanimously** to appoint Robertson as the WHC-designated alternate member of the Denton Road NCD Commission (term to expire on June 30, 2017) and Eugene Cox as the WHC-designated full member of the Denton Road NCD Commission (term to expire on June 30, 2018). The Planning Board-designated full membership position still remains vacant.
7. AT&T / Wellesley College Campus Monopole: Heuer informed the WHC that he has spoken with the CBRE consultant to request photo simulations of the proposed AT&T monopole at the site of the water tower on the Wellesley College campus so that the WHC can make a better informed decision about the impact that the monopole would have on the Town's historic resources. In addition, he recommended that the consultant speak with the Historic District Commission because the Cottage Street Historic District is adjacent to the proposed site of the monopole.
8. WHC Bylaw Subcommittee Progress Report: Dorin provided an update on the recent activities of the WHC Bylaw Subcommittee. It was first **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Wright, and **passed unanimously** to appoint Teixeira to the subcommittee as its seventh member. Dorin then distributed two handouts: (i) notes from the subcommittee's meeting with Deputy Director of General Government Services Meghan Jop and (ii) draft text of a petition for public support of the WHC in addressing teardowns and out-of-character new construction. After discussion, it was agreed that the subcommittee would provide a shorter version of the draft petition text to the WHC at its next meeting.
9. 24 Linden Street: The historic house at 24 Linden Street was torn down despite the efforts of the WHC to raise awareness about its pending demolition. The Commission hopes to use this property as an example as it advocates for the preservation of Wellesley's historic assets.

10. WHC Plaque Research Contact: The development of a contract between the Town and the accepted bidder (Joshua Dorin) to complete the required research associated with the WHC plaque program is nearing completion, as there is still an outstanding issue regarding the required insurance coverage. The contract should hopefully be completed and signed prior to the end of the fiscal year.
11. Town Hall Envelope Study: Heuer announced that the contract to conduct the envelope study of the NRHP-listed Town Hall building has been awarded to McGinley, Kalsow & Associates. No action was needed by the WHC.
12. Wellesley Hills Branch Library: Lueth announced that McGinley, Kalsow & Associates has been selected by the Town to conduct a masonry façade feasibility study of the eastern chimney wall at the NRHP-listed Wellesley Hills Branch Library for the purpose of evaluating repair options. No action was needed by the WHC.
13. Wellesley Hills Railroad Station: von Taube provided an update on the renovation of the historic Wellesley Hills railroad station by Caffè Nero. In addition, he informed the WHC that Caffè Nero would finance the cost of acquiring copies of old photos of the station from the Wellesley Historical Society for display purposes. The cost of manufacturing a bronze plaque, however, needs to be supplied by the Town. It was then agreed that the WHC would work to acquire the necessary funds from CPC.
14. 135 Great Plain Avenue: Dorin provided an update on the subdivision for 135 Great Plain Avenue, which was approved by the Planning Board at its last meeting. Among the conditions that were agreed to was the developer would work with the WHC and the Board of Selectmen to formally preserve the stone gates at the current entrance to the property. After discussion, it was agreed that Dorin will obtain the conditions once they are filed with the Town Clerk and work to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding between the WHC and the other relevant Town boards in order to preserve the stone gates.
15. Wellesley Square Wayfinding and Branding: Teixeira provided an update on the first introductory meeting of the Wellesley Square Wayfinding and Branding Project Committee, whose primary objective is to work with consultant Mark Favermann of Favermann Design to assist with the development of a wayfinding plan for Wellesley Square. No action was needed by the WHC.
16. Beebe House/Wellesley Inn Plaques: Wright provided copies of long and short versions of drafts of the text for the Beebe House and Wellesley Inn plaques. After discussion, it was agreed that the short versions were preferable. In addition, there was discussion about the lack of shutters on the Beebe Cottage. It was then agreed that Wright will communicate with Jordan Warshaw informing him that the WHC will work to obtain CPC money for the cost associated with the Wellesley Inn plaque and requesting a follow through discussion with the WHC to install shutters on the front façade of the Beebe Cottage.
17. Adjourn: It was **moved** by Teixeira, **seconded** by Maitin, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Dorin