

MINUTES OF WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 2014

Present: members David Wright, Chairman; Larry McNally, Vice-Chairman; Peter Fergusson; Dwight Lueth; Helen Robertson; Kathy Venne; advisory members Maureen Cary; Joshua Dorin; Joel Slocum; Arvid Von Taube

1. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:06pm in the Arnold Room at the Wellesley Free Library.
2. Minutes: It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by McNally, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013 as amended. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013 as amended. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Robertson, and **passed unanimously** to add the location of the meeting to both of the above sets of minutes, as well as all future sets of minutes.
3. Policy on Endangered Houses: Dorin led a discussion about teardowns in Wellesley and what role the WHC could play in preventing historical houses from being razed. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Fergusson, and **passed unanimously** authorizing Wright to contact MHC to inquire about what other local historical commissions have done to prevent teardowns of historical houses.
4. WHC website and outreach: Von Taube and Dorin presented a list of suggested changes to the WHC website and potential outreach efforts. The website/outreach subcommittee will report back at the next WHC meeting with suggestions on how to accomplish the more pressing items on this list.
5. 62 Wellesley Avenue: Wright provided copies of a draft of a letter from the WHC to the homeowners of 62 Wellesley Avenue. After discussion among the WHC members, it was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to form a subcommittee consisting of Wright, Dorin, Fergusson, and McNally to make the suggested changes to the letter and send it to the homeowners. It was **moved** by Robertson, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to hold sending the letter until getting approval to do so at the next WHC meeting.
6. Proposed Single Building Historic Districts: Robertson provided an update on the status of the proposed SBHDs. It was **moved** by Fergusson, **seconded** by Venne, and **passed unanimously** to approve the language of the article placeholder for the Annual Town Meeting.
7. Cochituate Aqueduct land acquisition: Wright provided an update on the status of the Town's acquisition of a parcel of the Cochituate Aqueduct. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
8. CPC report: Lueth gave an update on the most recent CPC meeting. No action was taken by the WHC at this time.
9. It was **moved** by McNally, **seconded** by Lueth, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Dorin