

Wayland Historical District Commission Meeting
December 16, 2010

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, George Ives, Meaghan Winokur, Kathleen Steinberg

Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were accepted.

Crosswalk pavers across Route 27 on the south side of Route 20 were removed recently and replaced with asphalt. This was done without any notification to the WHDC. Gretchen e-mailed Fred Turkington and she was told that this was a temporary measure, and that the pavers would be re-installed in the spring. (Because of flooding last spring, some of the pavers were under water for 3 weeks, and much of the sand washed away.) Gretchen explained that the Commission would have issued a Certificate of Non-Applicability for repair and maintenance with like materials and design; and this would not have required a hearing.

PSB Committee. The WHDC recommended that Kevin Crowley be appointed to the PSB Committee (as it considers changes to the interior and exterior of the PSB building). When the Commission didn't receive a response, Gretchen contacted Fred Turkington who said that the committee will not start until January 10th; and that Kevin Crowley would be a welcomed member on the committee.

Control Box. George Ives met with Fred Turkington, Alf Berry, Stubby and Mark Lanza in the library parking lot to confirm the location of the control box for the traffic lights at Routes 126/27. George and Desmond McAuley had previously placed a wood stake, on town owned land, where they felt the box would best be located. There was general agreement to this location; but a direct line from the box to the traffic lights would cross MBTA land. If the line from the box to the lights could be angled – it would not have to cross MBTA land.

Public Hearing – 11 Bow Road – Window replacement. The owners were not present, but had already ordered windows for their porch to qualify for the energy tax credit. The owners originally thought they wanted single pane glass, but after a conversation with Gretchen, they ordered Andersen 400 series, vinyl clad wood windows with permanently applied muntins. (The front windows of the house are 6 over 6.) Vinyl clad windows are not as appropriate as wood windows – but the windows elsewhere in the house are somewhat eclectic. After some discussion, George Ives made the motion that the applicant be granted a Certificate of Appropriateness. This was seconded by Margery; and the motion received a favorable vote (4-0-1).

The Commission felt it would be wise to include with this Certificate a letter to the

owners explaining that ordinarily vinyl-clad would not be acceptable – but because of the time constraints and because these windows were confined to the porch, the Commission voted as it did.

34 Bow Road. The owner recently received a Certificate of Non-Applicability to re-build a chimney. They planned to re-use as many of the old bricks as they could and the new bricks they would need to be purchased would look similar to the old ones.

Letter from MHC. The Commission received a letter from the Mass Historical Commission relative to the Wayland Town Center Project (Twenty Wayland LLC). A final paragraph in the letter stated:

To complete the MHC review pursuant to 950 CMR 71, the MHC requests that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) be developed that includes stipulations for (1) submittal of project plans and specification to the MHC; and (2) implementation of the terms of the WHDC Certificate. The WHDC Certificate should be appended to the MOA. The MOA signatories should be Twenty Wayland LLC, the MHC, the WHDC, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Please provide a draft MOA to these signatories.

Letter to new property owners in the HD. Gretchen drafted a letter to the new owners of 30 Cochituate Road (the old Secor house) and she will include an inventory form (which gives an architectural description of the historic house).

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston