

Historic District Commission Meeting
January 19, 2012

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Kevin Crowley, Chris Hagger, George Ives, Kathie Steinberg, Meaghan Winokur

Public Comment – There was none.

Minutes of the WHDC meeting December 8, 2011 were approved (4-0-2). The minutes of October 12, 2010 were also approved (5-0-2). Margery Baston and Chris Hagger (arriving late) abstained.

George made a motion to accept the minutes of all five (5) Executive Sessions, and Kevin Crowley seconded. The dates of these minutes were: April 2, 2009, September 10, 2009, January 21, 2010, September 1, 2010, and September 30, 2010. This motion received a positive vote (5-0-2). George moved that the same minutes be released. This also received a positive vote (5-0-2).

8:00 pm Public Hearing – Window Policy Guidelines Draft

The “stretch code” does not apply to the Historic District. (Older windows can be preserved and made tight.) Gretchen offered to enter a sentence at the end of the window guidelines, referring to the “stretch code”. There will be reference to an article in “Washington Times” on repairing versus replacing windows. A sentence in the first paragraph of page one was slightly changed. The words: “certain owners” were changed to “historically prominent owners”. George moved that the Design Review Guidelines on Window Policy be approved with the two noted changes, and that the bibliography include the following articles: from the Cambridge Historical Commission, Guidelines for Preservation and Replacement of Historic Wood Windows in Cambridge; from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, “Historic Wood Windows”; and from the Washington Times cover story, “Repairing windows can beat replacing.” Meaghan seconded this motion; and this motion received a positive, unanimous vote (7-0-0).

Election of Officers – Chair, Vice-chair, Clerk.

George made the motion that Gretchen continue as chair, Chris Hagger as vice-chair, and Margery Baston as clerk. This motion received a positive, unanimous vote (7-0-0).

Update on intersection of 126/27. Margery read a brief report from Woody Baston:

- The 6 granite bollards have been returned to the south of the LaFarge's property at One Old Sudbury Road. (Gretchen and Margery had met the previous month with Noah Mali of NPC, Tom Smachetti and Tom Horan of EMJ and all had agreed that four (4) granite bollards would be all that was needed because the 2 bollards closest to the library were regularly pushed over by trailer trucks trying to make the turn and the bollard closest to Route 27 was surrounded by posts and signs. The locations for the 4 bollards were staked.)
- NStar has put 3 new poles in place on which wires will be re-located. Just a week ago NStar finished moving its 4 wires. Also, the wires for the Wayland Fire Department's alarm system and emergency control of the intersection were put in place.
- Comcast and Verizon still need to move their wires.
- The masts for the traffic lights are expected on February 21.
- The brick crosswalk does not seem to be weathering well.

Improved communication for next phase of road work in the HD?

Chris Hagger asked if there had been communication between the HD, Selectmen and 20Wayland on the next phase of roadwork in the HD. There was a break-down in communication during the first phase; and there are hopes this will be rectified for the next phase.

Articles for the Town Crier? Meaghan asked about articles for the Town Crier – like the Wayland A to Z articles. Various ideas were discussed including focusing on one house within the HD each week.

Display at Town Meeting? Kathie asked about some kind of a display at the entrance of Town Meeting. Perhaps the model that Rick Conard created of the Freight House, or a photo display?

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Baston