

Wayland Historic District Commission Meeting
Selectmen's Room, Town Building
December 15, 2016

Members present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Alice Boelter, Kate Finlayson, Marji Ford, Desmond McAuley

Public Comment: There was none.

Minutes of November 17 were approved. (5-0-0)

Public Hearing. Frontage of 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland Town Building - installation of a banner sign for Children's Way attached to Town Building sign at driveway entry to Town Building. Children's Way representatives initially talked of an additional banner, but this has changed to become a total change of the sign because of its current height above the ground and also its condition. There was a motion to agree to the concept of a banner sign to go under the Town Building sign; but to also acknowledge the need for an HDC hearing for an entirely new sign. (5-0-0)

Resignation. Kevin Crowley has submitted his resignation from the HDC to take effect immediately. His replacement would need to fulfill his two and a half year term. Kate said she would prefer to remain as an alternate. Gretchen reported that Seema Mysore has applied for a position on the HDC and has a background in architecture and design.

Demolition Delay. The HDC may join forces with the Historical Commission (HC) at the meeting on January 19, at 7:30 pm to support the HC in the endeavor to establish a demolition delay article on the warrant for Town Meeting. If there are HDC applications on January 19, the hearings could be held at 7pm- prior to the meeting with the HC, or at 8:30 pm after the meeting with the HC. HDC members indicated a preference for the earlier time, if possible.

Guidelines. Gretchen distributed printed copies of the most current edition of the guidelines based on review and edits by the Commission in previous meetings. There was a final review page by page, starting with the front

cover. There was consensus to change the front cover photos and agreement to focus on “streetscape.” Desmond who arrived as discussion of the guidelines began, asked if the HDC might call on a graphic designer to look over the guidelines to maximize user-friendly copy. Gretchen explained she had used Word software, but would transfer the guidelines to Publisher software so as to improve lining up photos, etc. Kate will ask a graphic designer she knows if he would look over the Guidelines. Desmond also offered to speak to one of the graphic designers at his office.

Gretchen hopes that links can be established on the Table of Contents page to facilitate use of the guidelines. A map of the Historic Districts will be on the inside back cover page. The “Fun Facts” might be on the other side of that page. We should add a fact related to the Bow Rd district since currently all facts cover Wayland Center. We agreed on the need for more illustrations or photos to make the document more user friendly and informative. Desmond asked for addresses and/or photos of buildings which might be good examples to illustrate aspects covered in the Guidelines. These would facilitate preparation of illustrations

Under References, we decided to add a list of basic, but interesting reference books on architectural history. Gretchen immediately mentioned Hubka’s *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston