

## **West Boylston Historical Commission**

**August 23, 2007**

**Members Present-** Beverly Goodale, Nancy Barakian, Kim D. Hopewell, Dennis Parker, Neil Norum

Acceptance of Minutes- motion to accept minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting by Nancy, second Dennis, all in favor

### **Old Business**

#### **Local Historic District-**

Linda Ann Isgro, of 70 Prospect Street, informed the commission in March that she was interested in establishing a local historic district from Scarlett Street to the center of town, and wanted the support of the Historic Commission. She met with the Board of Selectmen in April, and the board determined that the Historic Commission takes this matter under advisement.

Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs at the Massachusetts Historical District, was notified that the commission was approached by a resident regarding the possible establishment of a local historic district. Mr. Skelly will provide the commission with the states informational handout, "On the Road Program", to fill out. The information provided by the commission will determine if Mr. Skelly will come and give a presentation on the steps on adopting a local historic district.

The Commission intends to give Mr. Skelly a tour of areas in town that could qualify for a local district. The commission will invite the Board of Selectmen, historical commissioners from surrounding towns, and the residents from West Boylston to the meeting as well.

Upon a motion by Nancy Barakian and second by Kim D. Hopewell, it was unanimously voted to send Mrs. Isgro a follow-up letter regarding the status of the Historical District.

### **Demolition-**

#### **19 Crescent Street Properties**

Members of the Historical Commission and the West Boylston Building Inspector took a site-walk of the property, photographed the house, barn and garage for historic filling. After researching the property it

was determined by the Commissioners that this house does not have historic relevance and is only listed at the Massachusetts Historical Commission because of the Quebec inventory. The house, therefore, was signed off for demolition at the Building Inspectors Office.

It was brought to the Commissions attention that a resident's website had misinformation regarding the establishment of a local historic district and the demolition of 19 Crescent St. as being interconnected. These are two separate matters.

The Historic Commission has grave concerns of the resident's websites false impression regarding the sequence of events. Upon a motion by Kim D. Hopewell and second by Neil Norum, it was unanimously voted to address this matter.

#### **44 Worcester Street Property**

It was noted that this property was condemned by the Building Inspector.

Robert Dunn purchased the property from John and Patricia Daby and would like to demolish the building and replace it with a two-family. (Deed reference 5622/283)

Due to the fact that the property has been condemned and neglected, and that no historical significance was found on the property, the Commission has no intentions of blocking the demolition. Upon a motion by Kim D. Hopewell, and second by Nancy Barakian it was unanimously voted to sign off on the demolition permit. Before the demolition proceeds the Historical Commission will speak to the owner for permission to conduct a site-walk and photograph the property for historic filing.

#### **Demolition Delay**

Motion to place the demolition delay bylaw on the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting. Upon a motion by Neil Norum, and second by Nancy Barakian it was unanimously voted to place the bylaw article on the warrant.

It was noted that according to the General Bylaws the Commission would need to hold a Public Hearing on the creation of a new bylaw, and that the time frame may not be suitable for inclusion at the Oct. Town Meeting.

## **Historical Inventory**

Nancy, Beverly and Kim have been working on the Form B's and will be entering them in the database shortly. It was noted to place the current owner name in the upper right hand corner of the form as well.

Discs will be given to various commissioners to enter property data for upload to the Historical Inventory Access Database.

The commission would like to formally thank Kim for all the hard work on the historical inventory project. It was also noted that we will need shadow boxes to draw the property and street layouts on the forms.

## **Other business**

Heather Feland is now the Grant Writer for the town, and has expressed interest in the historical commission's projects.

## **Meetings**

Cancel Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and schedule the next meeting on Wed. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

Motion to adjourn

Kim D. Hopewell,  
Historical Commissioner