

BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall
May 3, 2006
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Richard Cheek, Lydia Ogilby, Nancy Richards, Arleyn Levee, Paul Bell, Mike Smith, Lisa Harrington, Richard Pichette and Arthur Wilson.

1. The review and comment on plans for a telecommunication installation at the First Armenian Church were postponed until the June meeting pending receipt of plans.
2. The final draft of the supplementary Preservation Agreement with McLean Hospital was reviewed and approved.
3. It was decided that a Certificate of Appropriateness was not needed for a window replacement at 480 Pleasant Street.
4. Following a spirited discussion of the length of any proposed demolition delay by-law it was left that anyone who wanted to attend the Planning Board meeting on the 9th should do so. The point was made that maybe it would be better if we identified those buildings that would be subject to a demolition delay and those that would not.
5. The Committee discussed ways to assist the Belmont Women's Club which desires more parking, needs a new driveway and has all kinds of problems with drainage. It was suggested that they should get the building listed on the National Register and they should get an architect to do a master plan. Arleyn offered to talk to the members about all of these issues and Chip agreed to get the name of an engineer.
6. Glenn Clancy had yet to get back to Arleyn and thus she had nothing to report concerning an update on the stone wall reconstruction. Rick Pichette indicated that there is considerable confusion on Pleasant Street about the significance of the red stakes that have been placed by Mass Highway.
7. It was noted that the Historic Accessory Buildings By-law was coming up for vote at the town meeting on the 22nd of May. Rick Pichette agreed to represent the HDC at the meeting.
8. Michael Smith and Chip Bell led a discussion concerning repairing rather than replacing the main entrance doors to the Town Hall with fiberglass doors as proposed by Kevin Mooney. The HDC has advised Mr. Mooney that fiberglass doors are not acceptable.. It was agreed that they would get a couple of vendors for advice and estimates for the repair of the existing doors.
9. Lisa agreed to get all of the updates to the Design Guidelines out to us before the next meeting. It was suggested that we should make sure to obtain maps of the district.