

Meeting Minutes Report

Date & Time: June 10, 7:00PM

Present: Michael Smith, *Co-chair Historic District Commission*
Paul Bell, *Co-chair Historic District Commission*
Lydia Ogilby, *HDC Emerita*
Peter Gunness, *HDC member*
Lisa Harrington, *HDC member*
Lauren Meier, *HDC member*
Richard Pichette, *HDC member*
Dr' Edwin Ozawa, *Waverley Square Fire Station Historic District property owner*
Chris Keane, *480 Concord Street property owner*
Heather Keane, *490 Concord St. property owner*
Bob Orfaly, *505 Pleasant Street property owner*
Chris Poravas, *505 Pleasant St. architect*

By: Arleyn Levee, *HDC member*

Absent:

Richard Cheek
Nancy Richards
Joe Cornish
Allan Vanderley

Distribution:

All members
Office of the Town
Administrator

The purpose of the monthly meeting was to review the agenda items previously posted, including the proposed fence addition to the Waverley Square Fire Station property, the proposed new storage shed for 480 Concord Street, and proposed window replacement at 505 Pleasant St. Non-attending members are encouraged to please notify either Co-chair as soon as possible to allow time to prepare the agenda for discussion. The items discussed were as follows:

Item: Description:

Action:

1. WAVERLEY SQUARE FIRE STATION FENCE

Dr' Edwin Ozawa requested consideration be given to including a fence enclosure of some of the yard abutting their condominium property. Discussion included the type of fence for privacy and its adjoining juncture points with the existing low wrought-iron fencing along the street side of the property. A subcommittee will meet with the homeowner at the site to review among alternatives and report for Commission approval, subject to agreement with the condominium association.

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2. 480 CONCORD AVENUE SHED

Chris and Heather Keane presented a photograph of existing conditions and two sketches proposing to include a new storage enclosure for condominium Unit-D at 480 Concord Avenue. The enclosure will be made of clapboard over plywood painted to match and blend with the existing building conditions. The purpose of the shed is for storage of trash, recycling material content, and gardening tools for their condominium property.

The Commission moved, seconded, and approved a Certificate of Appropriateness with the amended condition that the proposal will also have the signature approval of the condominium association.

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480 Concord Ave.
Condominium
Association*

3. 505 PLEASANT STREET REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND PAINT COLORS

Bob Orfaly and architect Chris Poravas submitted for consideration samples of Jeld-Wen all wood window units with colonial style sash for proposed replacement of several existing windows, including the existing large glass unit with traditionally styled windows. The proposed Jeld-Wen has five-and-a-half-inch casing and the sill can be cut flush to match existing sills.

The proposed Jeld-Wen replacement window unit has a 20-year warranty, is economically priced, and has a screen that pops in easily. Co-chair Mike Smith requested manufacturer's product data literature about this window to review further and, if appropriate to, make available to others.

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Chris Poravas requested consideration be given to paint color options for the house. He expressed interest in California Paints historic colors of the color scheme used for the barn at Gore Place [Waltham, MA]. It was suggested that they consider the Historic New England historic paint color schemes.

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4 LIASION REPORTS

4.1 Belmont Community Preservation Act: Peter Gunness reported that under the coordination of former state representative Anne Paulsen, this item will be put on the ballot for this fall by getting the required 800-signatures with addresses by August-27th. Lisa Harrington noted that this campaign is hoping also to get a website up-and-running to provided information, particularly regarding "frequently-asked-questions".

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Committee*

4.2 Demolition Permit Activities: Michael Smith noted the loss of the Our Lady of Mercy complex and a worker's cottage at 149 Waverley Street.

A. Awareness – Mike noted that houses still at risk include the "Widow Brown" house on Clark Street, which has a new owner who intends to restore this structure rather than remove it.

5. McLEAN OPEN SPACE NAMING

Co-chair Smith reported that the issue of renaming this open space "Wellington Hill", the historically appropriate name that the Commission approved, is still in discussion.

6. 59 COMMON STREET

Co-Chair Paul Bell and Joe Cornish met with Peter Sifneos to review various preservation options for his property.

7. SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS [SUSTAINABILITY] REVIEW

It was noted that throughout the town of Belmont there are properties with associations to significant people, which should be designated by some mechanism as part of the Town's unique character.

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7.1 63-Pinehurst Street: A note-worthy architect may have designed the former home of folksinger-activist Ms' Joan Baez when she began her career at Club-47 [Cambridge].

7.2 McCreary house on Kenmore Road: Joe Cornish will pursue the possibility that notable architect Eleanor Raymond may have designed this former McCreary house.

J.C.

8. MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

Tabled until the next monthly meeting.

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9. OTHER BUSINESS

Co-chair Smith reported that the Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the Board of Selectmen but has been tabled by the Town Meeting. The Planning Board is moving forward.

10. NEXT MEETINGS

10.1 July.....Tuesday, July 13, 2010

10.2 August.....Tuesday, August 10, 2010

11. Adjourned at 9:23PM. Meeting Minutes approved 8.10.10 and submitted for record.

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END OF REPORT