

**Waltham Historical Commission
Zoom Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024**

1. Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7 PM
2. Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Isaacson, present
Commissioner Daly, present
Commissioner Egrous, present
Commissioner Dufromont, present
Commissioner Migdal, present
Commissioner Russo, present
Commissioner Wilson, present

3. Reading & Acceptance of the February 2024 Zoom Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Daly moved to accept the minutes as prepared.
Commissioner Russo seconded the motion.
In Favor: ALL
Commissioner Wilson abstained.

4. Announcements:
None
Reading and Description of Correspondence:
None

5. Public Hearings:
None

6. Development Prospectus Hearings:
1265 Main Street
Attorney Frank McCourt was representing the property.
The owners were requesting a signature on their development prospectus for a special permit to build a hotel on the former Polaroid site, now the site of the Market Basket complex. Commissioners Isaacson and Daly visited the site and took photos from the trail next to the property, on Prospect Hill.
Commissioner Isaacson wanted to call attention to the fact that the view from that trail will look right onto the hotel windows, and the view from the historic park will be affected. Mr. McCourt pointed out that there are other taller buildings being built next to it. There was discussion on how the proposed hotel will affect the view from the trail in Prospect Hill Park.
They also discussed the topography of the area.

The Commissioners pointed out that the Historical Commission's responsibility is to determine whether proposed buildings will affect historic resources, but that approval of the project will be up to the Waltham City Council.

There was discussion on neighboring projects being developed in the surrounding area.

Commissioner Daly moved that the Historical Commission say that there would be an impact on the historic resource of Prospect Hill Park.

Commissioner Russo seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes

Commissioner Daly, yes

Commissioner Egiros, no

Commissioner Dufromont, yes

Commissioner Migdal, no

Commissioner Russo, yes

Commissioner Wilson, no

Four in favor, three opposed. The motion carried.

(Motions were approved to take items 9. and 10. out of order.)

7. Stonehurst: Monthly report, Stonehurst Curator
Jamie Stevens, Stonehurst Curator, sent a report for February 2024.
(The full Stonehurst monthly report is available through the Waltham Historical Commission.)
8. Wellington House: Monthly Report & Update
9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

Fernald: None

CPC: Jon Millian of the Waltham Maintenance Department was representing the Barnes House/Arrigo Farm on Warren Street.

He shared samples of potential building materials and paint colors with the Commissioners. There was discussion on paint colors for the house.

Mr. Millian recommended a third color for the windows of the house.

Commissioner Migdal shared photos of different historic houses with different paint styles.

Commissioner Daly moved that the Historical Commission accept the recommendations of Mr. Millian: siding – gray, trim – tan/cream, and sash – black.

Commissioner Migdal seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Egiros, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, yes

Historic Inventory: None

Edu. & Outreach: None

10. Old Business

244 School Street – Demolition Delay Waiver

Nick DiDuca was representing the property.

He requested a waiver of the demolition delay previously placed on 244 School Street based on the revised plans he provided to the Commission.

The plans were changed to make the proposed house look more symmetrical from the street, and more like a Greek Revival house, which is the style of the house that is currently there. Windows were added to create symmetry, and to better fit in with the historic fabric of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Migdal moved to waive the remainder of the demolition delay on 244 School Street.

Commissioner Daly seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Egiros, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, no
Commissioner Wilson, yes

Six in favor, one opposed. The motion carried.

11. New Business

Some of the Commissioners discussed that they attended the Eastern Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition's Zoom seminar, Understanding Demo Delay Implementation, on February 6, 2024. They noted that some cities and towns in the state have

an 18 month demolition delay, which is a valuable tool for saving historic structures.
Commissioner Daly suggested that she might discuss it with one of the city councilors.

- 12. Commissioner Daly moved to adjourn.**
Commissioner Russo seconded the motion.
In Favor: ALL
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.