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Minutes 10/07/2009

Arlington Historical Commission
 Minutes for the Meeting of
 Tuesday, October 7, 2008
 Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

Call to Order: JoAnn Robinson, Co-Chairman, presiding, with Co-Chair Richard Duffy, Commissioners Eric Stange, Pamela Meister, and Dianne Schaefer.

Review of September 9, 2008 Minutes: Minutes approved.

Communications Received:

- Call from Christine Carney regarding demolition of 71-73 Medford St. Not on the Inventory-fax sent to Building Department.
- Call from Terry Dupuis of Solar Works regarding the installation of solar panels on the roof of Cambridge Savings Bank at 626 Massachusetts Ave. No jurisdiction; fax sent to Building Department and Mr. Dupuis.
- Call from Ernie Rodgers regarding demolition of a garage at 89-91 Newland Road. This property is not on the Inventory-fax sent to Building Department.
- Call from owner of a condo at the Cutter School inquiring about whether the building is on the Inventory. It is.
- Call from owner regarding demolition of 39 Epping Street. Not on Inventory. Requested copy of the fax already sent to Building Department by Mr. Duffy.
- Call from owner of 339 Mystic St. regarding demolition of the house. Not on the Inventory-fax sent to the Building Department.
- Call from owner of 125 Brattle Street inquiring about whether the building is on the Inventory. It is.
- Call from David Levy of Arlington Housing Corporation regarding changes to 11-13 Peirce St. He has requested a letter from the Commission regarding these changes. See below: Old Business.
- Two messages for Richard, forwarded.
- Call regarding who to contact regarding paying off a loan from Arlington's Preservation Loan Fund.
- Call regarding 18 Water Street about plans for demolition.

Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:

- Arlington Preservation Fund (Frisch)- No report.
- Zoning By-Law Review Committee (Stange)- No report.
- Arlington Historical Society (Duffy)- Program on October 28 showing photographs taken in the 20th Century by William Doane with speaker Jeanne Meister to be held at St. Jame's Grammar School.

Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy)- Opening October 11 with a photographic exhibition.

Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Frisch)- No report.

- 200th Anniversary Committee (Meister)- Nothing to report.

Historical Commission FY 2009 Budget.

Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- 3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02 Stange- Nothing to report.
- 821 Massachusetts Avenue (Noyes RT) 10/03; modified 4/08 Duffy- Still candidate for reuse.
- Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy- Come to halt due to financing.
- 45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 11/07 Guthrie- No report.
- 21 Appleton Street (Colosimo) 4/08 Robinson-Nothing to report.
- 25 Hayes Street (Liggett) 11/03 Robinson-No report.
- 90 Jason Street (Baxter) 6/08 Guthrie/Schaefer- House painted.
- 88 Orvis Road 8/08 (Black/Lewis)- want to put replacement steps and put in bluestone with fieldstone risers. Owner sent drawings. Mr. Guthrie advised that the steps by made of wood, found the cost was reasonable and decided to go with wooden steps.
- 43-45 Massachusetts Ave. (Shapiro) 8/08 Schaefer-Nothing to report.
- 18 Water Street (Callahan)7/08 Robinson-Nothing to report.
- 40 Lake Street (Burger/Rosenburg) 9/08 Guthrie-Nothing to report.
- 3 Brantwood Road (aka 22 Kensington Park) (Anesse) 9/08 Robinson- Received new plans to move doors. JoAnn reviewed the plans.

Continuing Projects

- Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson. Update on gutter replacement. Ms. Robinson met with Kevin O'Brien regarding use of money in capital fund for the library wall toward the repairs of the Whittemore Robbins House gutters. This was approved and work will begin at the end of October 2008.
- Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson- Ms. Robinson sent a message to Michelle Hasler of the Cemetery Commission to put money in the capital fund to repair west side wall of the Old Burying Ground. A vote was taken by the Commission to support this. All voted in favor.

Bow of the Menotomy Indian has been broken and stones are missing.

- Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson- Nothing to report.
- Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson – Nothing to report.
- Historic House Markers: Duffy: No report.
- Town Day, Duffy: Nothing to report.
- Web Site, Stange: Data base of Old Burying Ground to be added to Web site.

Discussion and Hearings: No hearings.

9. 11-13 Peirce Street. Description of property: Triangular house with porches at the side of the house and point in the back. List of planned changes sent regarding the rear porches, repair of gutters and downspouts and replacement of metal handrails.

A hearing will be needed. Appointment for hearing to be made.

Adjourn at 8:20pm

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be November 5, 2008 at 7:45pm

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.