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Historical Commission Minutes 01-07-2003

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday,
7 January 2003
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM

Call to Order: Robert Botterio presiding, with commissioners Jane Becker, Eric Stange, Michael Ruderman, Pamela Meister, and JoAnn Robinson.

Minutes of 3 December 2002: approved.

Communications Received-Mr. Botterio

Acting Town Manager Nancy Galkowski has asked all departments for their annual reports to be submitted by January 15-Mr. Ruderman to furnish.

A request for review of a building permit application for 59 Park Avenue Extension-not on the Inventory.

Discussions with Fire Chief Richard Maimone and the architect hired to oversee Park Circle Station repairs.

A plaque request from Lawrence Smith and Roberta Towner for their home at 24 Jason Street.

Related Activities of other Town Boards (Historic Districts, Preservation Fund, Zoning, By-Law Review, Community Preservation Act Study Committee, others)

Projects proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Guthrie-no information.

23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington)11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-client inspection to come in February 2003.

45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 4/02: Botterio-work completed; off agenda.

30 Academy Street [f. 20 Pelham Terrace] (McKee) 11/01: Robinson-close to finished.

35 Bailey Road (Weil): Guthrie-no information.

3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02: Stange-roof and chimney work proceeds.

468 Mystic Street (Winchester CC) 5/02: Botterio-demolition of tennis building completed-off agenda.

1 Kensington Road (Rowe) 7/02: Guthrie-waiting for framing before next review.

5-11 Water Street (Rowe, tr'ee. of Waterpower Trust) 7/02: Guthrie-some work begun.

30 Ashland Street (Roman) 9/02: Stange-completed-off agenda.

Continuing Projects

Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): no changes

Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson- *Advocate* article possible on progress to date, future work, and parameters of Community Development Block Grant funding.

Inventory Expansion and Review: waiting on Mr. Richard Duffy's notes on the three Fire Stations and the Symmes Nurses' building.

Education/Outreach, Website: Mr. Stange gathering information.

New Business

8:00 PM Formal Hearing for 22 Brantwood Road (Mr. Greg Blass, owner)

The Commission voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the plans presented by Mr. Blass, deeming the "pull-out" of a pantry wall and the minor changes in the kitchen fenestration all in keeping with the overall style of the existing house. As a part of the commission's approval, the project shall incorporate similar shingling, porch columns and bracketing to what already exists. Mr. Stange will monitor the work.

8:30 Discussion: Special Places proposed bylaw (Mssrs. Freeland Abbot, Alan McClennen)

The Commission reviewed in particular the hearing mechanism as spelled out in the latest revision of the proposed bylaw, and suggested several changes in the text before giving its unanimous approval to the draft to be placed before the annual Town Meeting by the By-Law review Committee.

Future commission meetings will be held as previously on the first Tuesday night of each month at the Whittemore-Robbins House, beginning at 7:30 PM. The dates will be February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

The meeting closed at 9:45 PM.

For the Arlington Historical Commission,
A. Michael Ruderman, Commissioner