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Historic Districts Commission Minutes 11/04/2004

MINUTES

AHDC Commissioners Present: S. Makowka, A. Alberg, M. Hope Berkowitz, B. Cohen, M. Penzenik, M. Potter, J. Worden

AHC Commissioners Present: R. Duffy, J. Robinson, J. Becker, R. Botterio, E. Stange

AHDC Commissioners

Not Present: M. Logan, Y. Logan, L. Kuhn

Guests Present: A. Frisch, D. Ledwig

This was a special joint meeting of the Arlington Historic District Commissions and the Arlington Historical Commission. Meeting called to order at 8:17pm by AHDC Chairman, S. Makowka. R. Duffy and J. Robinson from AHC also co-chaired meeting.

1. New Business

- a. S. Makowka expressed concerns about getting the correct information out to the public from the Town departments regarding which Commission does which job. R. Duffy said he gave contact sheet with separate duties of each Commission to Building Department, hoping to alleviate confusion.
- b. S. Makowka noted confusion of updated Inventory of Historical Properties. 1999 Listing does not show Avon Place properties correctly. C. Greeley will work with R. Duffy to get updated version for AHDC. Discussion ensued about Building Inspector's link on Town Website.
- c. S. Makowka questioned the public face of both Commissions. R. Duffy gave update of Preservation Award Program sponsored by AHC, which recognizes substantial improvements and successes locally on historic properties. S. Makowka asked if the group would like to make this a joint effort and open eligibility up to properties in Historic Districts as well. Group agreed to do that and will need nominations by early January for awards. Discussion also took place about the plaques for Historic Properties in town. Private company is now being used and AHC working on getting up to date with requests.
- d. S. Makowka gave update of Colonial Circle (187 Lowell Street) request from Town's Engineer for Board of Survey. J. Robinson gave input on Knowles Farm, which was last working farm in Arlington.
- e. S. Makowka complimented R. Duffy and J. Backer for exceptional work on getting the proposed expansion of Pleasant Street project into such good shape. Mass. Historical Commission has been delivered their Preliminary Report. Public Meeting scheduled by AHDC for 1/6/05 on proposed expansion. It was agreed that the AHDC and the AHC would assist by each paying for half the third-party printing costs of the Expansion Report for homeowners and town meeting members.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Greeley
 Executive Secretary

Cc: AHDC Commissioners

Arlington Historical Commission, Ms. JoAnn Robinson, Mr. Richard Duffy, co-chairs
Building Inspector, Mr. Michael Byrne
Building Department, Mr. Rick Vallarelli
Planning Dept. and Redevelopment Board, Mr. Kevin O'Brien
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Town Clerk
Robbins Library
Town Webmaster, J. Miksis