

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 2 February 2010  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: JoAnn Robinson, Co-Chairman, presiding, with Co-Chair Richard Duffy and Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, and Eric Stange.
2. Review of minutes from January 5, 2010: Minutes from January were reviewed and accepted.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Letter received from Historic Districts Commission regarding telecommunications near Arlington at Pleasant St. regarding their support of the Belmont Historical Commission.
  - b. Call received regarding the Arlington Historical Commission budget.
  - c. Call from Lori Kenschaft from First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church asking about signage. Explained our procedures and that the Commission looks for sympathetic changes. When the design stage is complete we can meet with them.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Frisch) – Nothing to report.
  - b. Zoning By-Law Review Committee (Stange) – Nothing to report.
  - c. Arlington Historical Society (Meister) – Historical Scavenger Hunt on January 31, 2010 at Town Hall. Well attended event. On February 23 hosting Jean Meister and Chuck Kraemer at the Arlington Nursery School with program titled Arlington Photographers of Yesteryear and Arlington Photographers of Today.
  - d. Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy) – Celebrates 40 years. Photo and article appeared in the Arlington Advocate.
  - e. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Frisch) – No report.
  - f. Mill Brook Linear Park Study Committee (Robinson)-Nothing to report.
  - g. Battle Road Scenic Byway (Robinson)- Ms. Robinson attended meeting involving the details for the Byway. The purpose of the Battle Road Byway is to recognize, protect and enhance what is unique to Arlington, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln. Towns will work in cooperation with National Park Service to preserve the resources and improve the experience of the byway for both residents and visitors. Ideas for Arlington included: forming a tourism committee to promote, create a visitor's center related to the byway.
5. Historical Commission FY 2009 Budget – Purchase order for hearing notices to be submitted.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- a. 3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02 Stange –
- b. 821 Massachusetts Avenue (Noyes RT) 10/03; modified 4/08 Duffy – The contractor will be making arrangements for protection of house during construction of CVS>
- c. Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy –Nothing to report.
- d. 21 Appleton Street (Colosimo) 4/08 Robinson – No change.
- e. 43-45 Massachusetts Ave.(Shapiro) 7/08 Schaefer – No change.
- f. 71 Walnut Street (Brown) 3/09 Guthrie- No report.
- g. 53 Brattle Street (Slebodnick) 6/09 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- h. 6 Park Street (White) 12/09 Meister- No report.
- i. 15 Oldham Road (Bayer/Cantor) 12/09 Stange- Work has not begun.
- j. 9 Fessenden Road (Duffy)- Nothing to report.

#### 7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Porch work in progress.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- c. Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson – No report.
- d. Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson – No report.
- e. Historic House Markers: Duffy – Requests in process for 201 Pleasant Street built 1924(Mark Cantor) and 26 Franklin Street- Jeremiah Leary House (Melissa MacDonald)
- f. Town Hall: Duffy – Nothing to report.
- g. Web Site: Stange –We now have a gmail account ([arlhistcommission@gmail.com](mailto:arlhistcommission@gmail.com)) for messages. Email it up and running. Post on web page list of types of messages to leave via email; all hearing requests must be made by telephone.
- h. Fire alarm antenna installations: Schaefer- Nothing to report.

#### 8. Discussion and Hearing:

#### 9. Old Business:

- a. Cooke’s Hollow Park Restoration: there will be a meeting with neighbors on February 11 to discuss plans for memorial site.
- b. Ms. Robinson submitted the annual report.

#### 10. New Business: Mr. Duffy informed commission of the passing of Dr. Kenneth Spengler widower of Peg Spengler.

Adjourn at 8:32pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be March 2, 2010 at 7:45pm  
For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.