

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 4 May 2010
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Richard Duffy, Co-Chairman, presiding, with Co-Chair JoAnn Robinson and Commissioners Pamela Meister and Dianne Schaefer.
2. Review of minutes from April 6, 2010: Minutes from April were reviewed and approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Message from owner of 30-32 Addison Street regarding re-roof of mansard. Less than 25% of elevations. Fax sent to Building Department.
 - b. Message from Mary Winstanley-O'Connor, regarding interest of a developer in moving the Dr. Atwood House (821 Massachusetts Ave.-adjacent to new CVS). She called back to withdraw inquiry, as the Special Permit issued by the Redevelopment Board specifies that no proposal to move the home may be entertained for two years.
 - c. Email inquiry regarding availability of old photographs of 68 Gray Street, from a prospective purchaser. Replied that no such photos are known to exist in various public and private collections in Arlington.
 - d. In-scope modification for 15 Oldham Road. See "Projects," below.
 - e. Contacted by neighbors regarding 17 Winter Street. 40B proposal; declined due to inadequate notice to discuss with full Commission.
 - f. Message from Bill Farnsworth regarding 10-12 Lowell Street Place.
 - g. Message from John Cole from Permanent Town Building Committee regarding capital appropriation for Highland and Central fire stations.
 - h. Messages regarding properties not on Inventory requiring sign off sheets for Building Department: 5 Finley Road, 24 Park Street, 190 Summer Street, 35 Beverly Road.
 - i. Sign off sheets required for roof repairs: 301-309 Broadway, 685-693 Massachusetts Avenue and 32 Addison Street.
 - j. Sign off sheets required for demolition of garages at 20 Orchard Terrace and 900 Massachusetts Avenue.
 - k. Messages regarding 20 Jason Street and 15 Russell Street forwarded to Arlington Historic Districts Commission.
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) – Mr. Duffy will present Pairing Past and Present Images of Arlington on May 25, 2010.
 - d. Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy) – Full season of programs.
 - e. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Frisch) – Nothing to report.
 - f. Mill Brook Linear Park Study Committee (Robinson/Duffy)-
 - g. Battle Road Scenic Byway/Tourism & Economic Development (Robinson)-No report.
5. Historical Commission FY 2009 Budget – No report.
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 – Mr. Duffy to speak to Redevelopment Board.
 - c. Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy –Nothing to report.
 - d. 21 Appleton Street (Colosimo) 4/08 Robinson – Progress continues.
 - e. 43-45 Massachusetts Ave.(Shapiro) 7/08 Schaefer – Nothing to report.
 - f. 71 Walnut Street (Brown) 3/09 Guthrie- No report.
 - g. 53 Brattle Street (Slebodnick) 6/09 Guthrie- No report.
 - h. 6 Park Street (White) 12/09 Meister- Nothing to report.
 - i. 15 Oldham Road (Bayer/Cantor) 12/09 Stange- modifications within scope.
 - j. 9 Fessenden Road (Duffy) 1/10- status quo.
7. Continuing Projects
- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Patsy Kraemer reported on Whittemore Robbins House repairs to the front porch gutters, roof, back porch sill. Weatherization to attic, rear attic, fireplaces and crawl space. Siding work for the Robbins Cottage also completed. Next projects will include: New compressor, slate roof repairs, back porch gutters/fascia, carpenter ant treatment to column on back porch, cottage weatherization, exterior painting to Whittemore Robbins House, cottage and carriage house; Interior painting of Whittemore Robbins House parlor, dining room and hall; interior painting of cottage; plastering repair of Whittemore Robbins House 3rd floor and cottage stairway; Cottage floors-kitchen and bathroom.
 - b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Bid specifications on pulling soil away from Library wall.
 - c. Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson – Nothing to report.
 - d. Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson – Nothing to report.

- e. Historic House Markers: Duffy – Nothing to report.
- f. Town Hall: Duffy – Nothing to report.
- g. Web Site: Stange –We now have a gmail account (arlhistcommission@gmail.com) for messages.
- h. Fire alarm antenna installations: Schaefer- Nothing to report.

8. Discussion and Hearing:

8:00pm- Informal review of changes to windows at the Jefferson Cutter House.

Presenter- Dave Berry from Planning Department

- Windows need to be repaired, restored or replaced.
- Quotes for restoration - \$1200-\$1500 per window
- Quotes for replacement - \$500 per window
- Will investigate about whether windows are original and how old they are.
- Will look at old photos of property.
- Plans to return for formal hearing in July.
- Informal hearing ended at 8:15pm

9. Old Business:

10. New Business:

- a. Mr. Duffy to be nominated as member of the Public Memorial's Committee.
- Adjourn at 9:22pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be August 3, 2010 at 7:45pm
For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.