

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 3 March 2015  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman, presiding, JoAnn Robinson and Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, and Dianne Schaefer.
2. Review of minutes: No minutes reviewed at this meeting.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Contacted by Carol Kowalski regarding renovation to brick walkways at Senior Center on Maple Street.
  - b. Message from EBI Consulting regarding antennae installation at the Central Fire Station. The Commissioners require more details to make a decision.
  - c. Message from Dr. Konrad Mark repairs needed at 6 Mill Street.
  - d. Message from Bill Copithorne regarding request for demolition of garage at 13 Chestnut Street.
  - e. Message from Christopher Blake regarding plans for renovations at 38 Kensington Park.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
  - c. Old Schwamb Mill- Work being done on interior. The staircase is being replaced.
  - d. Arlington Historic Districts Commission- Nothing to report.
  - e. Tourism and Economic Development (Robinson)- No meeting. Nothing to report.
5. Historical Commission FY 2013 Budget – Nothing to report.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 13 Winter Street 8/12 Guthrie- Applying for Tax Credits; Nothing to report.
  - b. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - JoAnn Robinson plans to look into Deed Restrictions for the cottage and National Registry information.
  - c. 41 Kensington Road 9/13 Guthrie- Project on hold.
  - d. 64 Park Street 5/14 Robinson- Nothing to report.
  - e. 129 Lake Street 12/13 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
  - f. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- Massachusetts Historical Commission wrote a letter about the plans for new windows in the two parts of the building and

wanted to use the older type of window 6 over 6 in the new part of the building. They need to use the 2 over 1 style window in the newer addition. The Commission agreed with Massachusetts Historical Commission.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Plans for renovations have been put on hold.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – A Friends of the Garden group has started to meet regarding upkeep of the gardens.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: JoAnn will contact Richard Duffy about doing research on houses that are requesting house markers.
- e. Town Hall: Duffy – Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

8. Discussion and Hearing:

8:00pm

Informal discussion: Regarding 6 Mill Street with presenters Andrew Fisher and Konrad Mark, M.D.

Plan: Replace missing hand railings; install Doric columns to replace existing; repair rise of the stairs. Commission agreed with planned repairs.

8:30pm

Informal discussion: Regarding 13 Chestnut Street with presenters Walter Abbott and Bill Copithorne.

Plan: Demolish the garage.

A formal hearing is planned for April 7 at 8pm to discuss demolition.

The Commissioners would like to use the time until the next meeting to review the history and take a look at the interior of the garage. Patrick Guthrie will do this.

8:45pm

Informal discussion: Regarding 38 Kensington Park with Christopher Blake.

Plan: add skylight to roof of the porch; replace windows with those that will match existing windows; remove storm windows; change the glass so that space is insulated; create a green house.

A formal hearing is planned for April 7, 2015 at 8:30pm. Mr. Blake will provide data on windows and samples of materials.

8:57pm

Continued Hearing for 18 Robin Hood Road. Joe Alueia presented drawings of plans for renovations to front porch.

Dianne Schaefer made a motion to approve plans and accept the proposal as illustrated.

Patrick Guthrie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted in favor of the plan.

9. Old Business-

10. New Business-

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be April 7, 2015.

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