

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 1 October 2019
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister and Chair, JoAnn Robinson and Michael Gervais.
2. Review of minutes: No minutes reviewed.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Sign off request for 27 Apache Trail. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - b. Message regarding window restoration for 15 Montague Street. Forwarded this message to the Arlington Historic District Commission.
 - c. Inquiry regarding installation of a ramp for legally blind neighbor for steps leading to house at 17 Russell Terrace. Forwarded to the Arlington Historic District Commission.
 - d. Sign off request for 86 Paul Revere Road. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - e. Sign off request for 564 Appleton Street. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - f. Sign off request for 1323 Massachusetts Avenue. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - g. Request for informal hearing for 44 Lockeland Avenue.
 - h. House Marker requests for 99 Claremont Avenue and 84 Jason Street.
 - i. Follow up with 85 Irving Street. Changes to property determined to be less than 25%. No hearing required.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)-No report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Fundraiser on October 4, 2019.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- No report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Preliminary applications due October 7, 2019 for the Town Hall Garden and next phase for Old Burying Ground.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – No report.

Historical Commission FY 2020 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- No report.
 - c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay

- e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
- f. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18 Schaefer- No report.
- g. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 Guthrie- No report.
- h. 21 Teel Street 12/18 Guthrie- No report.
- i. 44 Kensington Road 5/19 Stange- No report.
- j. 30 Orvis Road 6/19 Guthrie-No report.

It was determined that the projects at 418 Massachusetts Avenue, 65 Hillside Avenue and 81 Hillside Avenue are complete and have been removed from the list.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- No plans.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –CPA grant in process.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Request for two house markers to be reviewed.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

7:50pm Sign Hearing for 450 Massachusetts Avenue. The Z-KAI Learning Lab is the new business at this address. The Historical Commission approved the aluminum sign with white lettering and a shadow.

8:00pm Sign Hearing for 1314 Massachusetts Avenue, the former 5 & 10 Ballich. It will now be the The Heights Pub. The sign planned has raised type gold lettering and background is painted black with four gooseneck lights and a continuous awning. The Historical Commission approved the sign.

8:10pm Presentation Whittemore Park Phase I. Presenters: Allie Carter, Economic and Naomi Cottrell from Crowley Cottrell Firm. The plan is to provide more functional space and improve accessibility to the park in front of the Jefferson Cutter House. Early work will include soil testing to classify the soil, determination of ground cover to be used, preservation of the rail corridor, and preservation and redesign of signage in the park.

8:49pm Informal Hearing for 44 Lockeland Avenue with homeowners Sam and Hannah Vaughan. Plans include replacing windows and a dormer project. A formal hearing is scheduled for 8:00pm on November 5, 2019.

9:10pm Informal Hearing for 151 Warren Street. The Mansard slate roof needs repair.

Following the discussion with the owner, it was determined that a formal hearing should be scheduled.

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 10:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be November 5, 2019 at 7:45pm.

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