

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 3 March 2020
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: No minutes reviewed.
3. Communications Received:
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Planned lecture. George White: Wellington Remembers. Scheduled for March 27.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)-All projects were voted on and accepted.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) –

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. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18 Schaefer- Work is complete and interested in House Marker sign.
 - e. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 Guthrie- No report.
 - f. 21 Teel Street 12/18 Guthrie- No report.
 - g. 44 Kensington Road 5/19 Stange- David Whitney has sent a new proposal for the southwest side of the house with window changes from 1-over-6 to 4-over-1. Also add a small window to add a gas fireplace.
 - h. 44 Lockeland Road 11/19 Gervais- Windows are done, cut trim. Next phase is to raise the roof. Have to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. Plan is for the AHC to write a letter of approval.
 - i. 151 Warren Street 11/19 Guthrie/Stange- No report.
 - j. 83 Orvis Road 1/22 Schaefer-Keeping windows as is.
6. Continuing Projects
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Commissioner Gervais to reach out regarding plans in process.

- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –CPA grant received.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – No report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Nothing to report.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

7:50pm Formal Sign Hearing for 460 Massachusetts Street. Design presented. A motion was made to approve the sign provided that the brightness of the lighting is not brighter than other signs along Massachusetts Avenue. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Hearing ended at 8:03pm.

8:04pm Formal Hearing with Fared Assarpour regarding 29 Churchill Avenue. Plans presented pertaining to the cinder block garage included the use of 6-inch cedar clapboards and to cap the garage casings and roofline with cedar crown molding which will match the house and paint it white. A light fixture will be added above each door.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stange to adopt the plan as presented for 29 Churchill Avenue. All Commissioners voted in favor. Eric Stange will be the monitor for the project. The hearing ended at 8:12pm.

8:30pm Formal Hearing for 18 Churchill Avenue: Information was received that the property at 18 Churchill Avenue is under new ownership as of February 14, 2020. This brought up the question of whether a new demolition contract is required. An email was sent to the Building Department regarding this change in ownership and there has been no response. Information was provided by neighbors that the windows and screens in the house were left open all year long.

A motion was made to continue the hearing for 18 Churchill Avenue on April 7, 2020.

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New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:10pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be April 7, 2020.

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