

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
6 September 2023  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, and JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes. The August minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Discussions and Hearings:

**7:45pm Formal Hearing 57 Summer Street** with homeowner.

The plan is to replace 13 windows with Harvey Majesty style windows which are double hung with wood interior and aluminum exterior to match existing 6 over 6 windows.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meister to approve plans a presented. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor: Commissioner Robinson

**8:00pm Continued Hearing for 1 Perth Road** with David and Susan Sylva.

Plans for the house were updated following feedback from a previous Historical Commission hearing.

The plans from the previous meeting are below and remain the same. Commissioner Robinson reported on the meetings and correspondence she had with members of the Zoning Board and the director of the Building Department. Suggestions were made by the Commissioners for alternative ways to increase the size of the house along with preserving the exterior. A discussion followed regarding the process for approving or rejecting the proposed plans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meister to accept the proposal as submitted by David Sylva. An amendment was made to keep the door open to work with the Sylvas in the future after they meet with the Zoning Board. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was denied.

Plans presented at August meeting: to replace shed dormers with gable dormers, changing the mansard roof to a gable roof on the garage and the house, build an addition to increase space inside the house which will extend the front of the house closer to the street but is still within the setback. There will be changes to the front façade which currently has two windows on the first and second floors and the plan is to have three

windows on the first and second floors. Zoning requirements for 30 percent open space were discussed in regards to the garage.

**8:40pm Hearing for 159 Warren Street** with Christine Carney, Michael? Architect and Rene Mugnier, Structural Engineer.

The proposed plan is for demolition of 159 Warren Street and they are asking for a waiver for the one-year moratorium.

The Structural Engineer presented the results and shared pictures from his examination of basement of the house showing cracks in the foundation, water damage, deterioration of supports and cracks in the staircase. The architect also shared his opinion of the condition of the house.

The Commissioners decided that this hearing should be continued and to arrange for a second opinion on the structural condition of the house.

**New Business:**

Claire Ricker is asking for a list of historical houses along Massachusetts Avenue for the MBTA project.

Commissioner Stange shared slides for the Arlington Historical Commissions new website with the same content and language, but with a more modern presentation. The application allows the Commission to make updates to the website. We also want to include the GIS list on the website.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meister and seconded by Commissioner Stange to thank Michael Gervais for his work as a Commissioner and Co-Chair for the Arlington Historical Commission. We deeply appreciate the work that Michael Gervais did. All approved the motion.

Plans for Town Day will be shared with the Commissioners.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:47pm.  
The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be on October 3, 2023.  
for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary  
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