



# City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

City Hall – Room 308  
85 George P. Hassett Drive  
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

## April 8, 2019 Medford Historical Commission Hearing Minutes

Medford City Hall - Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Jennifer Keenan, Edward Wiest, Abigail Salerno, and Peter Miller, Ben Johnson.

Minutes – Jan, Feb & March 2019 minutes reviewed. Motion to accept Minutes, Approved, 5-0 (Jan & Feb.). 6-0 (March).

**16 Foster Court - Determination of Significance.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. Adam Glassman, architect, 2 Worthington Street, Cambridge, MA. Subcommittee reviewed the Form B and determined the property to be Significant at last meeting. Important, Cape Cod Cottage, very old version of this type, extremely rare in Medford. Architectural and Social History (Shipbuilding). A. Glassman noted in a letter that the building was unsalvageable due to termites, dry rot, code violations. K. Desmond noted that it is a small building on a 13,000 SF lot and new housing. 2 Letters: Chris Daveta, 16 West Street. Opposes demo. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning Street. In favor of Preferably Preserved due to Age & Significance, part of a potential Historic District. Motion: to find 16 Foster Court Preferably Preserved, Accepted, 6-0. An 18-month Demo Delay will be placed on property.

**104 Winchester Street - Determination of Significance.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. MHC determined the property to be Significant at last meeting. Highly visible, Italianate style, well defined features, 1865. Form B does check off 2 boxes for Significance. Social history of the house was very middle class, working class. Lee Herringshaw, 91 Winchester Street. Very rare, Favors preservation. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning Street. Rare example of quality architecture. Mistake to demo house. Motion to find 104 Winchester Street Preferably Preserved. Accepted, 4-1, with 1 vote present. An 18-month Demo Delay will be placed on property.

**421 High Street - Determination of Significance.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. Discussion among MHC members about significance of the building – a contributing building to a potential National Register District and social history, less so the architectural character of the building, which has been compromised by unsympathetic additions. MHC determined the property to be Significant at last meeting. Proponent: Owner Cyril Hughes 56 Eliot Street, Watertown, MA. Erik Haggre, 57 Logan Ave, Medford. Is OK with demo, but wants a good replacement. Tim Conant, 20 Brooks Street, Medford. Concerned about the character

of the replacement building if Cincotti were demolished, setbacks, general appearance, greenspace, etc. Letters: John Bogrette, 24 Brooks Street. OK with Demo. Lisa Kennedy, 2 Hammond Place (abutter): concerned about a poorly designed building that will harm the neighborhood. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning Street: in favor of it being found Preferable Preserved. Rebecca Smith, Brooks Street – sad to hear the building has been poorly treated, wants to see a nice replacement. **Motion:** to find 421 High Street Preferably Preserved, **Accepted**, 5-1. An 18-month Demo Delay will be placed on property.

**7 Lauriat Place – Determination of Significance.** Proponent: Nelson Olivera, 264 Salem Street Medford. MHC determined the property to be Significant at last meeting. Association with the rare gold-beating industry, at a time when there were lots of shops scattered around Medford. Letters: Ann Frenning Kossuth, 88 Winthrop Street: preserve the building. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning Street: wants Preferably Preserved. Aaron Becker, 5 Lauriat Place (abutter): No evidence of history visible, wants it torn down. Bill Gunning, 28 Hatch Road: noted the long history of the Printing press and old stones in the basement. **Motion:** to find 7 Lauriat Place Preferably Preserved. **Accepted**, 6-0. An 18-month Demo Delay will be placed on property.

**45-47 Mystic Ave – Determination of Significance.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. Proposed demolition of house and garage. Commissioners generally not impressed with character of house, which was quite common. **Motion:** to find 45-47 Mystic Ave Not Significant. **Accepted**, 6-0.

**23 Bower Street – Determination of Significance.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. Existing house was recently renovated into 4 condo units and the existing carriage house in the back. **Motion:** to find 23 Bower Street Significant. **Accepted**, 4-2.

**146 Damon Road** – John Sheehy, proponent. **Motion** to find Demo Application complete. **Accepted**, 6-0. Refer to Sub-Committee.

**111 High Street - Medford Public Library – Site Plan Review.** DC to scan submission.

**Winthrop Street** - DC to scan submission.

**Motion** to adjourn at 09:59pm. Approved, 6-0. Notes by D. Carr

**Next meeting:** Monday, May 13th, 2019, **7:00pm**, Medford City Hall, Room 201.