



# City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

## May 13, 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.

**23 Bower Street – Determination if Preferably Preserved.** Legal: Kathy Desmond. Existing house was recently renovated into 4 condo units and the existing carriage house in the back. Carriage House is focus. J. Keenan summarized process. Site visit by most of commissioners was made on 5/4/19. MZO Group architects prepared a set of existing plans and photographs of the building. Consensus was that the package was good, with just a few more details and analysis needed. MHC will have arch. historian John Clemson do the analysis. Kyle Anderson, 66 Boston Ave (abutter, back yard). Prefers the eyesore to be taken down. **Motion:** to find 23 Bower Street Preferably Preserved. **Approved,** 6-0. **Motion:** to lift the delay on 23 bower Street contingent on documentation in approximately 30 days. **Approved,** 6-0.

**421 High Street – Discussion.** Peter Quinn Architects, Elm Street, Somerville. Legal: Sean O'Donovan, 741 Broadway, Somerville. Question by applicant about procedures and options to cut the Demo Delay from max. of 18 months. Discussion of process. Detailed discussion of proposed new apartment building design (9 unit, 4-story building with small retail at ground floor. Neighbor comments: Tim Conant 20 Brooks Street, Elizabeth Kennedy 2 Hammond Place. Feel like the building is too tall and does not fit very well within the neighborhood as a transition building from commercial to residential. General discussion of exterior materials, front setback. Proponent will return next month.

**Post Demo-Delay Procedures.** Review of draft informational document that explains the Demolition Delay process in detail. Commissioners were asked to provide any final edits to the document by 5/17. R. Hayward to review possibility of a flow chart of the process.

**30-36 Salem Street – Site Plan Review.** Detailed review of new apartments and floors at 30-36 Salem Street. Existing property was built in 1915 and was used as a Movie Theater. Peter to start letter with MHC's opinion of design. Letter is due 5/28/19.

**17 Florence Ave.** - Proponent: Patrick Reardon, 115 Boston Ave. Application for demolition. **Motion** to accept application as accepted. **Accepted**, 6-0. **Motion** to order a Form for the property. **Accepted**, 6-0.

**Prescott Street and Cottage Street:** **Motion** to order a Form B, **Accepted**, 6-0.

**Update on CPA Projects** - Scope of work completed and ready to be issued to three consultants. Oak Grove Cemetery & Thomas Brooks' Park.

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC):** **Motion** to reappoint D. Carr to the CPC representing the MHC. **Accepted**, 6-0.

**Minutes** – April 2019 minutes reviewed. **Motion** to accept Minutes, **Approved**, 6-0.

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:30pm. Approved, 6-0. Notes by D. Carr.

**Next meeting:** Monday, June 10th, 2019, **7:00pm**, Medford City Hall, Room 201.