



City of Medford

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

October 21, 2019 Medford Historical Commission Hearing Minutes

Medford City Hall, Room 201- Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

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

96-102 Winchester Street: Determination of significance. J. Kennan reviewed the by-law regarding determination of significance Peter Miller seconded. R. Hayward mentioned how the structure relates to both Ball Square and Medford. A. Salerno highlighted the milk industry. Peter Miller expressed desire to see the inside of the building. **Motion:** R. Hayward to find building significant under criteria. **Failed**, 2-3. Proponent can proceed with demolition of property.

Grace Church door restoration: Proponent: Linda Foote, 24 Franklin Street Medford Applied for CPA funding for the project. Proponent showed pictures of the doors.

Survey projects update: R.Hayward gave updates

- Winter Hill - Next set of planning grants are due in November. Application received by Mass Historical Commission.
- Wellington - Proposed additional survey work to go along with the work they already completed.
- Forest Street - R. Hayward and Claire Dempsey walked the entire length of potential Forest St. Historic District. 10 buildings have been identified. Also subdivisions have been identified. 19th century buildings are more important than 20th century.
- Medford Square South - Working on additional product that we already paid for. **Motion** - To allocate \$7500 to Wellington and \$7500 to Forest Street. **Approved** 4-0, 1 abstention
- **Motion** - Approve \$1000 for MHC Form Bs for 23 and 31 Pleasant Street. E. Wiest seconded. **Approved:** 5-0

Mass DoT: High Street improvements between Marm Simonds Historic District and the Brooks School. Traffic improvements. Mass DoT sent project details. J. Keenan will draft a letter of support.

Current Demo Delay: J. Keenan gave updates on current demo delay. R. Hayward submitted application for 16 Foster Court. No changes at 67 Magoun, 104 Winchester, 109 Forest. 421 High Street will be discussed at November meeting.

CPA project updates: R. Hayward and J. Keenan met with landscape architect, restorative mason, and archaeologist re: Thomas Brooks Park. Public meeting in November. Conceptual design tentative on the public meeting. No updates on Oak Grove Cemetery project (No bids given). Abby to continue investing

Community Fund Organization: Potential to cosponsor an event. perhaps with M-BELT to bring more exposure to Brooks Estate.

Proposal: J. Keenan proposed creating a tablecloth with the Historical Commission's logo for events. Will get estimate.

Minutes: September 2019 meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to accept Minutes.

Approved 5-0 Minutes - Open Meeting Law Complaint minutes. **Motion** to accept minutes.

Approved 5-0

Open Meeting Complaint letter received from the Attorney General.

Motion - to adjourn at 8:13PM. **Approved** 5-0. Notes by B. Johnson

Next Meeting - Monday November 18, 7:00PM, Medford City Hall, Room 201