



# City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

## September 13, 2021 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.  
Digital Meeting statement read by J. Keenan, Chair at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Edward Wiest, Abigail Salerno, Jessica Farrell and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also present.

### Receive Demolition Applications:

- **29 Summer Street** – Total demolition in order to construct four new townhouse units. The demolition application was reviewed. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 6-0. **Motion:** to expend \$500 to create a Form B for 29 Summer Street. **Approved:** 6-0.
- **209 Park Street** - Total demolition of existing garage/carriage house in order to construct a future residential/commercial development. The demolition application was reviewed. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 6-0.
- **290 Salem Street** – Total demolition of existing electronics facility in order to construct a future residential/commercial development. The demolition application was reviewed. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 6-0. . **Motion:** to expend \$500 to create a Form B for 290 Summer Street. **Approved:** 6-0.

### Determinations of Significance:

- **75 Clewley Road** – Owner Siddhartha Gehlot of Treetop Investments LLC, 100 Tower Office Park, Suite I, Woburn and architect Yael Gets Schoen were present at the meeting. The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed by the Commission including its exterior shingle siding and detail. **Motion:** to find significant. **Approved:** 6-0.
- **84 Cotting Street** – Owner Lance Steinberg and architect Richard Dwyer were present at the meeting. The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed by the Commission including its exterior detail and minor historical significance. **Motion:** to find significant. **Failed:** 2-4. D. Carr and P. Miller to draft advisory comments to be included in a letter to the owner.
- **90 Alexander Avenue** - Contractor for the owner, Mike Coughlin was present at the meeting. The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed and the Commissioners determined that the building did not rise to the level of significance. **Motion:** to find *not* significant. **Approved:** 6-0.

### **General Update:**

- **292 Riverside Avenue** – The building commissioner has condemned this building because of the continued spread of contaminated soil due to an oil spill. Although the building was determined to be significant at the August 8, 2021 meeting, demolition will be allowed to proceed.

### **Site Plan Review:**

The Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability has requested review comments.

- **16 Foster Court** - The Historical Commission has submitted comments to OPDS.

### **Demolition Delay Updates:**

- **33 Vine Street:** The demolition delay subcommittee has been working with the design team and feels that the design has been revised such that it now relates harmoniously with the historical context and will be a great asset to the city. The DD subcommittee recommends that the project be allowed to move forward. **Motion:** to lift the demolition delay and allow the project to proceed with minor design revisions at the discretion of the design team, including: deleting the two thin brick chimneys and inclusion of decorative shutters. **Approved:** 6-0.
- **43 Pleasant Street:** No new update.
- **15 Hadley Place:** No new update.
- **75 South Street:** The demolition delay subcommittee has received revised plans from the design team and is formulating more comments in response.
- **104 Harvard Street:** No new update.
- **109 Forest Street:** The demolition delay subcommittee has provided comments to the owner and architect for a scheme that relocates the addition from the side to the rear of the building and is awaiting a good faith effort from the design team to respond. The owner has been seeking meetings with city officials in an effort to circumvent the demolition delay process.

**Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:** On-going.

### **Update on CPA Projects:**

- **Oak Grove trees:** No new update.
- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Draft RFP's almost complete.
- **Fire Dept:** submitted grant proposals for fire substations exterior work. Discussion of signs or plaques for fire stations, etc. D. Carr to bring up at CPC meeting.

**Survey Project Update:** Winter Hill area survey product has been received. Review to proceed. Brickyard/Mystic Park area survey to come under the purview of the new RFP process and awaiting updated forms. Next year's survey area to be Fulton Heights.

### **Local Historic District Updates:**

- HDC in process of re-drawing the boundaries of the proposed Forest Street LHD, including deleting some of the northerly houses and adding in the old high school building. HDC to seek further community input prior to re-engaging with City Council. HDC to study city wide historic district master plan.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve August 8, 2021 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 6-0.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 8:42 pm. **Approved:** 6-0.

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2021 either in-person or via Zoom, TBD. Start time 7:00 pm.  
Denis MacDougall to coordinate.