



# City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

## November 8, 2021 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.  
Digital Meeting statement read by J. Keenan, Chair at beginning of meeting.

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

### Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **29 Summer Street** - Several of the Commissioners participated in the walk-through of the property on Nov 6. Purchaser of the property, Brian Ortins, was present at the meeting and has begun to incorporate demolition mitigation suggestions made by the Commissioners during the walk-through. The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed by the Commission including its overall form, Greek Revival or Italianate style exterior detail, historical significance and association with important developments in Medford's history. **Motion:** to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 5-0.

### Receive Demolition Application:

- **160 Forest Street** – The demolition application and recent construction photos were reviewed by the Commissioners. It was noted by J. Keenan that this project was flagged for review and a stop work order issued by the Medford Building Department. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0.

### Determination of Significance:

- **17 Manning Street** – Owner and developer Gina Fombelle, of 33 Douglas Road, was present during the meeting. The Form B and merits of the building were discussed by the Commissioners including its intact form, potentially sympathetic renovation and its association with the ship building industry and early neighborhood development. **Motion:** to find significant. **Approved:** 5-0. Gina Fombelle noted that her team would have to demo more of the rear portion of the building than they would have preferred in order to create space to meet the required Zoning parking requirements.

**Letter for Comprehensive Master Planning Process:**

- Doug Carr to start a letter about potential Historic Districts and other Historical Commission inputs to be circulated amongst the Commissioners for input and eventually submitted to the Medford Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**Demolition Delay Updates:**

- **43 Pleasant Street:** No new update.
- **15 Hadley Place:** No new update.
- **75 South Street:** No new update.
- **104 Harvard Street:** No new update.
- **109 Forest Street:** No new update.
- **75 Clewley Road:** The demolition delay subcommittee has drafted demolition mitigation review comments and R. Hayward to email these comments to the development team.

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

**Update on CPA Projects:**

- **Oak Grove trees:** Trees Medford Survey of the Oak Grove Cemetery trees half completed. Trees Medford to apply to CPC for another grant in order to be able to survey the remaining trees.
- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Proposal received for archaeological dig portion of Phase 1 work. Volunteers to be solicited to help out with the dig and cataloging effort. Proposals forthcoming for Pomp's Wall and Stone Wall portions of Phase 1.

**Survey Project Update:** Product expected soon. S+P Grant deadline Nov 15. Next year's survey area to be Fulton Heights.

**Local Historic District Updates:** No new update.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve the October 18, 2021 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0 with one abstention.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 8:26 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2021 either in-person or via Zoom, TBD. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.