



City of Medford

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

March 14, 2022 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Digital Meeting statement read by R. Hayward, Vice-chair at beginning of meeting.

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

Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **17 Edward Street** – R. Hayward reviewed the process to date including the finding of significance and explained the meaning of preferably preserved status. Commission members discussed the Form B and also found the Form A to be compelling, as the house is part of a strong neighborhood development context. The Commissioners spoke about the original detail still present on the house and Kathleen Desmond, of Touchstone Law Offices, 580 Main St, Reading, petitioner for the owner, Adam Glassman, project architect, and Liz Stott, owner, were all present during the meeting. Ms. Desmond stated that the renovation would be sympathetic to the historic character of the house. Ms. Stott stated that she wanted to try to preserve the character of the house and was willing to work with the Commission and incorporate suggestions within the Form B. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning St, sent an email in favor of finding the house preferably preserved. **Motion:** to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 4-0
- **78 Cotting Street** – Owners Sophie Ricks and Dan Bradley and their architect, David Whitney of 49 Linden St, Arlington were present during the meeting and voiced their intention of doing a sympathetic renovation while stating a need to make the house more functional and livable. The Form B and merits of the house were discussed by the Commissioners including its age, the fact that it is a very well preserved early cape style house, unique early agrarian period siting predating later development, and association with notable Medford historical figures including the Adams family. It was also noted that the house was deemed eligible for individual listing on the National Historic Register by Claire Dempsey and John Clemons, authors of the Form B. Kate Yenrick and Joe Salameh, 31B Cotting St, stated their support for the project and also sent an email. Rebecca Davidson, 101 Yeoman Ave, voiced her support for the project to go forward without delay. Chris Bader, 298 High St, and chair of the Medford Historic District Committee stated his support for finding the house preferably preserved, as did John Anderson, President of the

Medford Historical Society. Chris Bader and D. Carr discussed the possible intention of the HDC to create a one-house local historic district at 78 Cotting Street. D. Carr opined that this might have significant impacts on the owners. Chris Bader requested to be kept up to date on the demolition mitigation process. Prior to the meeting, Khansaa Elguenaoui, a neighbor, and Lindsey Baughman-Dalton also sent emails in support of the project. Sharon Guzik, 10 Manning St, sent an email in favor of finding the house preferably preserved. Mary Anne Adduci, 2 North St, sent a letter via the Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability in favor of finding the house preferably preserved. **Motion:** to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 4-0. The next steps will be for the Commission to send a letter with the preferably preserved finding and to engage the neighborhood during the demolition mitigation process.

Receive Demolition Applications:

- **69 Jerome Street** – Partial demolition in order to renovate the existing house and add a garage and a second 2 ½ story dwelling unit onto the back of the house. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0. **Motion:** to expend \$500.00 to create a Form B for the property. **Approved:** 4-0.
- **130 Boston Ave** - This property was on the agenda but no demo application was received. Roberto Di Marco of Foster, Walker & Di Marco, P.C., 350 Main St, Malden and counsel for the owner was present during the meeting and asked about the appropriate form. Discussion to be tabled until the April 11 MHC meeting and the demolition application is received.

Update on New Member Search: J. Keenan and R. Hayward were informed that the mayor's office is ready to send out the call for new members.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **15 Hadley Place:** No new update.
- **75 South Street:** No new update, P. Miller sent request for update on Feb. 15, 2022.
- **104 Harvard Street:** No new update.
- **109 Forest Street:** No new update.
- **33 Third Street:** The demolition delay subcommittee met on March 11, 2022 to discuss next steps. R. Hayward to reach out to the Building Commissioner to discuss the project.

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

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Oak Grove trees:** No new update.
- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Fieldstone wall portion of work out for bids for a third time (no bids received from second round). R. Hayward noted that it has been difficult to find qualified bidders that meet the Dept of Interior standards. Pomp's wall portion of work has received requests for information from bidders. R. Hayward to address.

Survey Project Update: On-going. Winter Hill survey received comments from Mass Historical. Brickyard-Mystic Park survey to get under way within the next 3-4 months. Awaiting Mass Historical grant for Fulton Heights survey area.

CPC Funding Priorities: D. Carr requested by CPC to elicit discussion of priorities list for next round of project funding and feedback on the CPA process. There is a CPC meeting to be held on April 12.

Local Historic District Updates: No new update.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: to approve the February, 2022 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:41 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2022 via Zoom. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate. D. MacDougall noted that the mayor has extended remote meetings into July 2022.