

TOWN OF WESTWOOD



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WESTWOOD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

March 1, 2018

Attendees: Lura Provost, Commission Member; Nancy Donahue, Commission Member; Mary Ellen LaRose, Commission Member, Jack Patterson, Commission Member, Nora Loughnane, Director of Community & Economic Development; Jennifer Ferraro, Nada Fabrizio

Absent: Mary Ellen LaRose, Commission Member

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.
- The January minutes were reviewed. Jack made a motion to approve the minutes without change. All were in favor of approving the January minutes.
- Review schedule for any pending Demolition Requests or relevant Planning Board Meetings. At this time there are no active demolition requests. We discussed potential development at 215 High Street.
- Discuss strategies for saving Blue Hart Tavern. The Commission and other meeting attendees discussed possible uses for the Blue Hart Tavern. Interest was expressed in using the building as a tavern again. Nancy reviewed the strategy being followed by the town of Weston in preserving its old library and tavern. Weston formed a working group whose mission is to save these two historic structures. The Commission agreed that forming a working group would be a good starting point for the Blue Hart Tavern. The Commission set March 19, 2018 as the date to meet to discuss the working group.
- The Commission discussed the Community Preservation Act. They reviewed the possible uses for CPA funds and the uses that have been made by the towns of Concord and Needham since 2013.
- Jack noted that the building demolition at 46 Washington Street was complete. The shortened demolition period was contingent upon the owner's commitment to make efforts to salvage the architecturally significant features. Jack suggested that we contact the building owner to see if this happened.
- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
- Next meeting – March 19, 2018 - Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Donahue