

TOWN OF WESTWOOD



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WESTWOOD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 11, 2017

Attendees: Lura Provost, Commission Member; Nancy Donahue, Commission Member; Mary Ellen LaRose, Commission Member, Jack Patterson, Commission Member,
Absent: Marilyn Freidman

1. Call to Order: The October meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. The minutes were approved from September 12th meeting. Lura made a motion, Jack seconded. All were in favor.
3. Review schedule for any pending Demolition Requests or relevant Planning Board Meetings. At this time there are no pending demolition requests.
4. Review Coburn School library display status - Nancy reported that Helen Rielge, the designer gave a timeline for the project. She noted the artifact display case will be first, then outside rail display, then last the mural inside library meeting room. Nancy shared renderings with the group.
5. Review questions on Demolition Delay Bylaws - Nancy asked commission members to review rules and regulations specifically as they relate to hardships clause and come up with any questions for Nora Loughnane, Director of Economic Development.
6. Discuss possible development of a WHC website - Nancy encouraged commission members to visit other town commission websites for ideas and then the group will continue to discuss at future meetings. Mary Ellen volunteered to work with Nora Loughnane and make improvements to website.
7. Discuss strategies for demolition alternatives - Jack expressed that the commission should encourage residents with historic properties to preserve their home and provide them with preservation resources. Group discussed possibly adding preservation information to website.
- 8 New Business - Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated to be discussed - The group discussed the future of the Blue Hart Tavern. Nancy has been asked to speak in front of the Selectmen at their October 16th meeting to give a presentation on the history of the Blue Hart tavern and provide information on why the building should be preserved. Nancy encouraged fellow committee members to also attend the meeting.
9. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Next meeting - November 7th

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen LaRose