

WELLESLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018, 6:45 PM
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OFFICE - WELLESLEY TOWN HALL

Members Present: Lisa Abeles, Emily Maitin, Amy Griffin, Edwina McCarthy
Staff: Claudia Zarazua, Planner
Others: Peter Benton

Lisa Abeles called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Public Comments On Matters Not On The Agenda

Ms. Abeles inquired about the status of the appointment of Joyce Wadlington. The Commission was notified that the candidate withdrew her application due to availability issues.

HDC 18-03 22 Cottage Street Patrick & Christine McMahon Certificate of Appropriateness

Discussion:

Applicant did not attend the meeting and failed to submit a complete application. Ms. Abeles recognized that an incomplete application could not be considered for any action.

Historic Preservation Design Guidelines Update

Documents:

1. Chapter 7 – Treatment of Historic Building Features
2. Chapter 9 – New Construction

Discussion:

Peter Benton, from Heritage Strategies, discussed the draft of chapters 7 & 9 of the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines with the Commission. Ms. Abeles expressed support for window repair as opposed to replacement. Mr. Benton informed the Commission that these guidelines are being developed so they can also be applied to other historic properties around Wellesley. Ms. Maitin inquired about defining “deterioration” and “disrepair.” Ms. Abeles and Ms. Maitin suggested including a detailed diagram of window parts. Ms. Maitin inquired about sources and research materials used for the development of these guidelines. Ms. Abeles discussed the importance of sharing these guidelines with other Boards and departments that could provide input. Ms. Abeles inquired about synthetic siding materials.

The Commission discussed ways to engage with the residents of the districts during the development of the Guidelines and suggested Staff creates an online survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Approved: 10/30/18

Respectfully submitted by:
Claudia Zarazua
Planner