

**Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Final Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Attending Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann (KAB), David Foley (DF), David Honn (DH), Pamela Lynn (PL), Ron Regan (RR), David Shoemaker (DS), Anita Rogers (AR). Mike Gowing as BofS rep.

7:30 PM Citizens' Questions:

David Honn speaking as a citizen shared that the property at 25 School St. has recently been sold. He suggested that HDC should send an informative letter to the new owners indicating that the property is located within a historical district.

7:34 PM Approval of November 4, 2014 Minutes by unanimous consent.

**7:36 PM Update on Commuter Rail Improvement/
West Acton Train Crossing (Liaison – David Honn)**

David informed members of a request by the individual leading the group conducting the traffic study to hold a meeting. He wondered whether it would be better to have him meet with HDC prior to a larger meeting. David will contact him and Corey York to schedule an appointment at the next meeting in early January.

KAB asked MG for guidance in how to initiate a request for funding for landscaping at the conclusion of the project. MG suggests combining the effort with the DRB so it could be included as an item in its budget.

David Honn further suggested using the landscape plan created by Peter Lukacic two years ago which was found to be ineligible for CPC funding.

7:43PM Water District Plans (affecting District)

The discussion will be postponed until January as Doug Halley was unable to attend due to an emergency.

7:44 PM

81 River Street Fence

The applicant had contacted HDC but indicated that she would wait until spring to formally apply. Subsequently she contacted the Building Department which indicated she did not need a building permit but did need to apply to the HDC. KAB indicated that HDC will consider the installed fence retrospectively.

KAB has asked Frank Ramsbottom to cc the HDC concerning violation letters. He has been in touch with 24 River St. concerning a dish violation.

PL needs to be in touch with 82 River St. concerning its violation.

AR will resume communication with Steve Su concerning window violations.

DH will write a letter in support of the proposal by Municipal Properties to repaint Town Hall. He will also write a letter to the Planning Board concerning the suggested allowable square footage of recreational areas

within the districts.

MG suggested that both he and DH plan to meet with Mathias Rosenfeld to check on progress at the 525-531 Mass. Ave.

9:00 PM

Affordable Housing in Historic Districts

KAB invited Nancy Tavenier to meet with HDC concerning affordable housing but she declined.

There will be a meeting this Thursday. MG and perhaps DH will be able to attend.

KAB has investigated the current understanding of the status of 40B proposals in historic districts. The local district contacts the MHC which judges whether the proposal would be detrimental to the district. If the MHC makes such a determination, the project is likely to be halted. MAC is an equally important player in this process.

In general there are ways to have affordable housing through condos. HDC will need to remain aware of the outcome of the public hearing and be aware of MHC's potential role.

MG suggested that the town has found that it is best to become involved early on in each process. DH may hear about projects early due to sitting on the DRB.

Adjourned at 8:16

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela Lynn
Secretary**