



City of Malden Massachusetts

MALDEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019

Location: City of Malden Department of Permits, Inspections & Planning Services, 110 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor, Malden, MA.

Members in Attendance: Barbara Tolstrup, Chair; John Tramondozzi, Vice Chair; Joseph Cesario, Clerk; Inna Babitskaya.

Staff: Michelle Romero, City Planner, Liaison to Commission.

Members of public in attendance: Debbie DeMaria, City Councilor at Large; Carol Melle, 35 Wyoming Ave; Bonnie Galayda, 98 Beltran Street; Katherine Welk, Attorney, Foster, Walker & Di Marco, 350 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Malden

The meeting began at 10 am. Tolstrup chaired the meeting.

1. Status Updates re: Delayed Demolition of 1 Salem Street and 15 Ferry Street, Demolition & Alteration Delay Ordinance:

- Owner's attorney, Kathryn Welk requested historical photos of the building at 1 Salem Street to determine the original color. Commission will send photos in file.
- Ms. Welk informed the Commission that owner was going to do an internal review and inspection of 1 Salem to determine repair, in response to recommendation 3 in the Determination of Preferably Preserved (dated June 6, 2019).
- Commission requested that further inspection be done in conjunction with the inspection by the independent engineer. Commission will forward scope letter for independent structural evaluation.
- Ms. Welk stated that all four recommendations made by Commission in its Determination of Preferably Preserved (dated June 6, 2019) re: 15 Ferry Street are still open for consideration by owner.
- Commission requests owner maintain open communication with Commission.
- Councilor Debbie DeMaria supports the communication and process being followed.

2. Application for Demolition Permit. Determination of Significance, Section III (5), Demolition & Alteration Delay Ordinance: 9-11 Baldwin Street.

- Commission reviewed the Notice of Intent to Demolish or Alter a Building/ Application for Review by the Historical Commission.
- Commission made a Determination of Significance: the Building is a Significant Building, based on criteria of Section 6C: for its historical significance to the community based on architectural style and age.

- Commission will visit the property and arrange for the Form B Inventory to be done for the property.
- Public hearing to determine whether the Building is Preferably Preserved will be scheduled for July 18, 2019.

Motion by J. Tramondozzi, seconded by J. Cesario; all voted in favor (4-0).

3. Properties for Individual Survey/Inventory (MHC Form B).

- Waiting for final review and approval by state MHC of Form B for 5 Elm Street, 6 Grove Street, 80 Mountain Avenue, 139 Oliver Street, 89 Summer Street.
- Form B inventories for One Salem Street and 11 Charles Street are being finalized by Commission consultant Frank Russell.

4. Salem Street Cemetery Application National Register of Historic Places. No updates.

5. Fellsmere Park Tree Survey. No updates.

6. Wallace Memorial Park Wall: CPA FY19 Funding Application. No updates.

7. Local Historic District Study Committee.

- Commission reviewed the draft ordinance prepared by Committee and will make the following comment: the abbreviated reference to the "Commission" appears confusing (even though it is defined at the beginning) and the Commission requests something more descriptive be used in this Ordinance to easily distinguish from the Historical Commission, such as Historic District Commission.

8. Community Preservation Committee. Babitskaya provided an update.

9. Any other business properly before the Commission.

- Carol Melle and Bonnie Galayda of Oak Grove Improvement Association discussed its application for Community Preservation Act funding for handicapped accessibility. The group filed a CPA pre-application. Commission will forward the draft Form B inventory to the group. Commission requested proposed plans be submitted for its review for a letter of support. Commission generally supports the proposal. *Motion by J. Cesario, seconded by B. Tolstrup; all voted in favor (4-0).*
- 138 Pleasant Street/Brown Masonic Building: Commission reviewed and approved proposed signage for Century 21. *Motion by J. Tramondozzi, seconded by J. Cesario; all voted in favor (4-0).*
- Proposal to change name of Hunting Field and/or Linden Park. Commission reviewed request by Mayor Christenson to provide recommendations re: renaming and historical significance of Hunting and Linden. Commission

reviewed research done by Babitskaya. Commission will make the following recommendations to the Mayor:

- 1) Hunting Field is named after a Malden family and the name has historical significance in the community.
 - 2) Linden Park is named after local native trees found in the area; Linden is also the name of the neighborhood and section of the City; the name has historical significance in the community.
 - 3) Neither name should be changed.
 - 4) In general, naming/renaming for people still alive should not be done because of the potential pressure by special interests.
 - 5) A system should be set up that involves review by the Commission for any new names or name changes of public property.
- Public hearing on List of Significant Properties for Demolition & Alteration Delay Ordinance to be scheduled for July 18, 2019.
 - Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Cesario, Clerk