



City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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City Hall – Room 308
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

November 14, 2022 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Digital Meeting statement read by Denis MacDougall at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Edward Wiest, Doug Carr, Jessica Farrell, Kit Nichols and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also present.

Determinations of Significance:

- **31 South Street** – R. Hayward reviewed the meaning of historical and architectural significance. The Form B and the merits of the house were discussed including the strong association with Medford's historical ship building industry. R. Hayward noted the pre-1880 build date as being a diminishing resource and speculated that the house may have been constructed as a duplex for ship building industry workers. E. Wiest commented that while the neighborhood context and grouping of houses was important to a possible future local historic district, this particular house, in and of itself, seemed less a worthy example of Greek Revival architecture. **Motion:** (RH, 2nd EW) to find significant. **Approved:** 4-3.
- **180 Lincoln Road** – The Form B and the merits of the house and neighborhood were discussed including the development of Lawrence Estates. The commissioners felt that this small example of the common Cape Cod style house did not rise to the level of historical significance. **Motion:** (RH, 2nd KN) to find significant. **Failed:** 0-6.

Expenditures discussion:

- **15 Marion Street** – The Assembly of God church at 15 Marion Street was not documented with a Form B during the area survey, but is a significant building. **Motion:** (RH, 2nd EW) to expend \$500.00 to create a Form B. **Approved:** 6-0.
- **Map of Royall Holdings** – The idea of hiring a cartographer to create a digital historical overlay map of Royall family holdings was discussed. This would help visually tie together the early development of Medford with interim period and present day maps and provide an educational tool to aid in the understanding of the area survey work. **Motion:** (EW, 2nd DC) to expend up to \$1,000.00 to hire a cartographer to create a digital overlay map of historical Royall family property holdings and to reach out to the Royall House organization for input and possible support. **Approved:** 6-0.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **33 Third Street:** Exp. 08/2023. No new update.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee: On-going. It was noted that William L. Forte was hired by the city to fill the previously vacant position of Building Commissioner for the Medford Building Department. The commission to reach out to the new building commissioner.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** All artifacts to be fully catalogued and published in 2023. City budgetary issues have caused commencement of the masonry work for the Pomp's Wall and fieldstone wall restorations to be delayed. Such work may be further delayed by winter weather until Spring 2023.

Survey Projects Update: Brickyard – Seeking resolution to city budgetary issues impacting FY 22. Winter Hill – attempting to close out payments and paperwork with new city budget director. Fulton Heights – awaiting grant paperwork, preliminarily awarded to Claire Dempsey with John Clemson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (EW, 2nd JF) to approve the October 17, 2022 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 6-0.

Motion: (EW, 2nd RH) to adjourn at 7:58 pm. **Approved:** 6-0.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2022 via Zoom. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate. Open meetings to be extended until March 2023.