



# City of Medford

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

## May 13, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Ryan Hayward at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Edward Weist, Doug Carr, Eleni Glekas, and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also attended. Absent: Jennifer Keenan and Kit Nichols.

### Determination of Preferably Preserved Status Determination of Significance:

- **27 Almont Street:** R. Hayward recapped the process to date including the determination of significance. The commissioners discussed the attributes of the house including its well preserved architectural detail. The consensus was that this is a well preserved pre-1855 asset with ties to Medford's historic shipbuilding industry. Isaiah Schlonegar of 29 Almont Street commented that he would like to see this unique house preserved. **Motion:** (EG, DC 2<sup>nd</sup>) to find the house significant. **Approved:** 4-0.

### Determinations of Significance:

- **18 Wedgemere Road:** The commissioners discussed the Form B, and noted that the house maintained architectural integrity despite residing with vinyl, but that a sympathetic addition would be desirable and that complete preservation was not needed for this common house type. **Motion:** (PM, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to find the house significant. **Passed:** 4-0.
- **9 Trout Avenue:** The commissioners discussed the Form B, and arrived at a consensus that the house did not rise to the level of significance. **Motion:** (DC, EW 2<sup>nd</sup>) to find **not** significant. **Approved:** 4-0.

### Receive Demolition Application:

- **3 – 5 Pleasant Street:** Total demolition of fire damaged building to re-build a two family dwelling. Scott Vanderwalle, Building Commissioner, attended the meeting and made clarifications to describe the current state of the building including damaged chimney and collapsed second floor. **Motion:** (EW, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept the demolition application. **Failed:** 0-4. **Motion:** (PM, EW 2<sup>nd</sup>) to amend the previous motion to reject the demolition application for the purpose of passing on review. **Approved:** 4-0.

**Receive Demolition Applications:**

- **85 Morton Avenue:** Partial demolition to construct a 1.5 story addition. **Motion:** (EW, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to pass on review due to the 1967 date of construction. **Approved:** 4-0.
- **38 Pearl Street:** Partial demolition to construct an addition to the rear portion of the existing structure and modify the roofline to create a full 2.5 stories. **Motion:** (EW, DC 2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept the demolition application and to hold the demolition delay hearing at the June 10, 2024 Historical Commission meeting. **Approved:** 4-0.

**Demolition Delay Updates:**

- **91 Winchester Street (Carriage House):** Exp. 10/2024. No new update.
- **56 Wareham Street:** Exp. 06/2025. No new update.

**Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:**

- No new update.

**Cross Street Cemetery Update:**

- Headstone restoration project is awaiting creation of grant account. Archaeological project awaiting bid proposals from candidate consultants.

**Update on CPA Projects:**

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** CPC approved funding for upcoming project phase.

**Survey Projects Update:**

- Product was received for second half of Fulton Heights survey and awaiting Massachusetts Historical Commission feedback.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** **Motion:** (EW, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to approve the April , 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 5-0.

**Motion:** (EW, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to adjourn at 8:05 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

**Next Meeting:** June 10, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.