



City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

September 9, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Ryan Hayward at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Edward Weist, Eleni Glekas, Kit Nichols and Peter Miller. Jennifer Keenan joined the meeting at 7:58 pm. Adithi Moogoor of the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department also attended the beginning of the meeting.

Determination of Significance:

- **18 Cherry Street:** R. Hayward reviewed the process to date and the meaning of significance. E. Glekas asked how many pre-1875 buildings existing within the city. R. Hayward said 500 – 600 remained. Sid Gehlot of the Treetop Group, Project Developer, attended the meeting and described the team's efforts to consolidate the two lots in order to construct six townhomes on the site. The commissioners came to the consensus that not enough integrity remained in the building to warrant significance. **Motion:** (PM, EW2nd) to find the building not significant. **Approved:** 5-0.

Accept Demolition Applications and Determinations of Significance:

- **106 Alexander Avenue:** Total demolition in order to build two new townhomes. The commission reviewed the demolition application. **Motion:** (EW, DC 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0. The commissioners reviewed the Form B and came to the conclusion that the building had lost integrity due to alterations over the years and was a common building type within the community. **Motion:** (EW, DC 2nd) to find not significant. **Approved:** 5-0.
- **110 Brooks Street:** Partial demolition of interior and exterior finishes in order to upgrade the home for use by the owner. The commission reviewed the demolition application. **Motion:** (PM, EW 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0. The commissioners reviewed the Form B and house photographs and found that, although the exterior finishes and fenestration had been removed, the house retained integrity of architectural style and character. Owners Adrianna and Chris Cardace attended the meeting and expressed their desire to move the project forward as quickly as possible. **Motion:** (EW, EF 2nd) to find significant. **Approved:** 6-0.

Salem Street Burying Ground Flag Pole Replacement:

- The flag pole at near the center of the burying ground is in need of replacement. R. Hayward to advise.

Medford Historical Society Cooperation:

- The Medford Historical Society is interested in partnering with the Historical Commission, and co-sponsoring the Early Archaeology of Medford event on 12-3-2024 and other monthly events. There is an opportunity here for enhancing visibility for both organizations. Other events brought up by the commissioners included Medford's upcoming 400th anniversary, Paul Revere's 250th in 6 months and Sarah Bradlee Bolton. Funding sources to be researched in advance. D. Carr to reach out to CPC and the Commission to approach the Medford City Council.

Preservation in a Changing Climate Conference:

- This event to be held at the Peabody Essex Museum on September 18, 2024. Interested parties may register to attend the event at PEM.org.

Massachusetts Historical Commission Workshops:

- Contact Jenn Doherty of the MHC for upcoming workshops on Research of Historical Buildings (Oct 18), Determining Significance (Nov 19) and Best Practices for Local Preservation (Dec 9).

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **91 Winchester Street (Carriage House):** Exp. 10/2024. No new update.
- **56 Wareham Street:** Exp. 06/2025. R. Hayward sent comments email.
- **27 Almont Street:** Exp. 11/2025. DD Subcommittee meeting requested.

Form B's for Upcoming Projects:

- Form B's for 254 Salem Street and 161 Main Street to be ordered.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:

- On-going, projects being fed to HC.

Cross Street Cemetery Update:

- Consulting firm Fannin Lehner has contracted to do the headstone survey and restoration work plan. Downtown excavation work needs to be re-bid to try to achieve lower cost.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Public meeting with Peter Hedlund to be scheduled. Next phase items including tree work, crosswalks, etc.

Survey Projects Update:

- Next survey project needs to be selected. Commissioners to submit possible areas.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** To approve the July 8, 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 6-0. **Motion:** (EW, JK 2nd) to approve the August 12, 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes and August 19, 2024 Special Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 6-0.

Motion: (JK, EG 2nd) to adjourn at 8:36 pm. **Approved:** 6-0.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.