



# City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

## October 7, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Jennifer Keenan at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Kennan, Ryan Hayward, Edward Weist, Eleni Glekas, and Peter Miller. Absent: Doug Carr and Kit Nichols. Theresa Dupont, City of Medford Community Preservation Manager, also attended the meeting.

### Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **110 Brooks Street:** J. Keenan recused herself from the preferably preserved hearing. R. Hayward reviewed the process to date and the previous finding of significant. P. Miller and E. Glekas described the extant architectural detail on the building, including the front porch and attic window surround, and integrity of the overall massing. The owners, Adriana and Christopher Cardace, attended the meeting and expressed their desire to work with the commission to restore the building and move the project forward quickly. Yehudi and Susan Weiner of 49 Brooks Street expressed their support for preserving the house and moving the project forward. Wendy Miller Olapade of 105 Brooks Street expressed her support for the project. John and Heather Anderson of 102 Brooks Street expressed their support for the project and for the owners as good community members. Monique Doherty of 113 Brooks Street expressed her support for the project. Judith Watkinson of 124 Brooks Street stated her support for the project. A letter in support of the project by Gerard Wolf of 106 Brooks Street was received by the commission and circulated to the commissioners. **Motion:** (PM, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to find the building preferably preserved. **Approved:** 3-0.

### Determination of Significance:

- **Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive:** Theresa Dupont attended the meeting and described the need to determine significance for the building in order to obtain CPC funding for bathroom renovations and other upgrades. R. Hayward expressed the need for an overall master plan for the building to determine the best course of action to preserve and upgrade the building. **Motion:** (JK, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) to find significant. **Approved:** 4-0.

**Medford Quadricentennial:**

- Ideas for the planning of the Medford Quadricentennial of 2030 were discussed. Suggestions for the creation of a planning committee of 5 -7 members including the Chamber of Commerce, the Medford Historical Society and other interested citizens and stakeholders. Other discussion points included: funding sources, walking tours, parade, fireworks, signage, graphics and coordination with other events such as the City of Boston and Tufts University 400<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

**Demolition Delay Updates:**

- **56 Wareham Street:** Exp. 06/2025. Needs another round of comments.
- **27 Almont Street:** Exp. 11/2025. DD Subcommittee meeting requested.

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

- J. Keenan to meet with the Building Department on October 9. Distribute HC business cards to Building and Planning Departments, etc.

**Cross Street Cemetery Update:**

- Contract for downtown parcels archaeological work forthcoming.

**Update on CPA Projects:**

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** October 22 public meeting with Peter Hedlund to explain and get feedback on archaeological cap and other Phase 2 proposals.

**Survey Projects Update:**

- Next survey project needs to be finalized. Possible survey area near Medford Square: Ashland Street and Water Street neighborhood.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** **Motion:** (RH, EG 2<sup>nd</sup>) To approve the September 9, 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0.

**Motion:** (EW, RH 2<sup>nd</sup>) to adjourn at 8:13 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.