City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

October 27, 2025 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Jennifer Keenan at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Kit Nichols, and Peter Miller. Absent: Ed Wiest. Denis MacDougall and Theresa Dupont also attended the meeting.

Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **41 Mystic Avenue:** J. Keenan recapped the process to date including the finding of Significance on Oct. 6 and reviewed the meaning of Preferably Preserved. R. Hayward stated that this is one of only a dozen remaining 18th century houses in Medford. D. Carr opined that the Mystic Avenue location would make it difficult for the property to be re-used. K. Nichols agreed that the house should be preserved as part of Medford's heritage. **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 4-0.

Determination of Significance:

- **58 Myrtle Street:** J. Keenan reviewed the meaning of significance. R. Hayward spoke about the need for documentation. K. Nichols commented about the house contributing to the overall cohesiveness of the neighborhood. **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to find significant. **Failed:** 1-3.

Receive Demolition Application and Determination of Significance:

- **231 Park Street:** Total demolition in order to construct a new 3-story, six unit apartment building. **Motion:** (RH, PM 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0. R. Hayward commented that the building had been gutted and renovated within in the recent past resulting in lack of integrity.
  Motion: (RH, DC 2nd) to find significant. **Failed:** 0-4.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to approve the October 6, 2025 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0 with one abstaining.

Motion: (RH, KN 2nd) to adjourn at 7:51 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2025. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.