



City of Medford

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

February 9, 2026 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 and Peter Miller.

Absent: Kit Nichols. Theresa Dupont, Sara Berndt, and Luke Beck also attended the meeting.

Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **36 Mystic Street:** J. Keenan recapped the process to date including the finding of Significance on January 12 and reviewed the meaning of Preferably Preserved. The commissioners spoke about the Form B, the existing building's age and integrity including its extent architectural detail. Neighbor Ken Krause of 50 Mystic St. spoke about the house being a prominent neighborhood anchor that should be preserved. Neighbor Rick Caraviello of 74 Prescott Street spoke about the desire to preserve the large pine tree on the site street corner and the need for general upkeep of the property. Owner Vijay Johnson of 11 Granton Park, Arlington attended the meeting and spoke about his desire to maintain and upgrade the exterior of the house. He said that the existing exterior porches would be saved and fitted with new deck boards. Commissioners Carr and Miller spoke about the need to know more about the specific specifications of the replacement windows and matching siding infills at former window locations. **Motion:** (DC, PM 2nd) to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 3-0.

Determinations of Significance:

- **17 Sharon Street:** The commissioners spoke about the subject property as a common building type in Medford. **Motion:** (RH, PM 2nd) to find significant. **Failed:** 0-3.
- **85 Marshall Street:** Commissioner Hayward conveyed that the submission drawings had been updated with a decreased scope of work, thereby not warranting commission review. **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to pass on review based upon the submitted drawing set dated 1-11-2026. **Approved:** 3-0.

Upcoming Potential Demolition Reviews and Form B's:

- 226 Main Street and 10 Whittemore Street.

Vacant Historical Commission Seats Update:

- Sara Berndt's application to the city has been approved and her swearing in by the city clerk will happen soon. Luke Beck's application has been submitted to the city and is awaiting approval.

2025 Historical Commission Annual Report:

- No new update, in progress.

Brooks Estate Archaeological Survey:

- Bids received with likely award to lowest bidder SWCA, and waiting completion of CPC paperwork.

Update on CPA Projects:

- Thomas Brooks Park tree work had six bidders at walk-through.

Cross Street Cemetery Update:

- **Oak Grove Cemetery:** RFP is out with bid documents addendum forthcoming.
- **Medford Square Site:** City wants parking lot to be restored. Look at alternatives including structured parking costs.

Survey Projects Update:

- Hastings Heights survey project: R. Hayward received field report from the consultants. Project to focus on two large area forms and fewer Form B's.

Medford Square Zoning Initiative:

- D. Carr reported that he and T. Dupont plan to meet with the Historic District Commission this week to discuss zoning approaches to protect historic properties in Medford Square.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **16 Manning Street:** Exp. 1/2027. No new update
- **41 Mystic Avenue:** Exp. 4/2027. R. Hayward measured the property and is working on existing conditions plans. Cost estimates for renovation and relocation efforts to be forthcoming.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to approve the January 12, 2026 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 3-0 with J. Keenan abstaining.

Motion: (RH DC 2nd) to dissolve the meeting at 8:02 pm. **Approved:** 3-0.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2026. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.