



City of Medford

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

August 5, 2026, Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Sara Berndt, and Luke Beck. Denis MacDougall also attended the meeting.

Receive Demolition Application – 15 Maple Park Avenue/Hegner Center

- **Motion:** (DC, LB 2nd) to accept the application for demolition as submitted. **Approved:** 4-0. This property has a determination of significance and will move to a public hearing, provided the legal notice and sign are posted. JK to provide the legal ad to the applicant.

Receive Demolition Application – 67 Mystic Avenue, 71 Mystic Avenue, 73 Mystic Avenue, 81 Mystic Avenue

- **Motion:** (DC, JK 2nd) to accept the application for demolition for four properties on Mystic Avenue, all submitted by the same owner/applicant, as submitted. **Approved:** 4-0. The Commission will determine significance next month.

Receive Demolition Application – 78 Circuit Road

- **Motion:** (JK, LB 2nd) to accept the application for demolition for the property as submitted, as submitted. **Approved:** 4-0. The Commission will determine significance next month.

Receive Demolition Application – 146 Spring Street

- **Motion:** (DC, SB 2nd) to accept the application for demolition for the property as submitted, as submitted. **Approved:** 4-0. The Commission will determine significance next month.

Receive Demolition Application – 73 Surrey Street

- **Motion:** (DC, JK 2nd) to accept the application for demolition for the property as submitted, as submitted. **Approved:** 4-0. The Commission will determine significance next month.

Vacant Seats Update:

- We invited a prospective candidate to attend this meeting, but she did not show. We will circle back to the Mayor's office and see if she can again advertise upcoming vacancies.

Medford High School Section 106 Review:

- We have ordered an MHC Form A for the building. The consultants will work on research and photography with hopes of having it done by the end of the year.

Brooks Estate Archaeological Survey:

- Update by R. Hayward. Draft report issued by the consultant. Follow-up needed with minor clarifications to the text. We should think about looking into proving the archaeology by field testing the Point of Rocks site and the parking lot area. The report has also been sent to the Cemetery Trustees.

Update on CPA Projects:

- Thomas Brooks Park tree work done. Archaeological consultant is wrapping up. We will need to finish the crosswalk study to wrap this project up.

Cross Street Cemetery Update:

- Ground-penetrating radar (GPR) surveys to potentially be the next step. We have gone out to bid on this work.
- R. Hayward sent around photos. Power-washed stone perimeter walls; gate is being rebuilt. Before/after photos of stones being cleaned and reset show dramatic improvement. First two rows nearly done.

Survey Projects Update:

- Hasting's Heights work is ongoing. Consultant sent another wave of product. Awaiting MHC review.
- Brooks Estate survey is getting underway. We are awaiting MHC approval on scope and bid documents.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **16 Manning Street:** Exp. 1/2027. No new update.
- **41 Mystic Avenue:** Exp. 4/2027. No new update.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (JK, DC 2nd) to approve the July 13, 2026, Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 5-0.

Motion: (JK, LB 2nd) to dissolve the meeting at 8:01 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2026. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.

Doug Carr (with assistance from Ryan Hayward)
Secretary Pro Tempore