

Wayland Historic District Commission Meeting
March 16, 2017
Selectmen's Room, Town Building

Members present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Alice Boelter, Marji Ford, Seema Mysore

Others: John Moynihan, Special Projects manager, Caitlin Ahern, John Thompson

Public Comment: John Moynihan spoke of two additional signs in the Depot parking lot to parking spaces for the Wayland Depot. The signs would be 10 by 14 inches on wooden poles

New Member: Seema Mysore was introduced as the new member on the HDC. (Seema fills the spot vacated by Kevin Crowley.)

Minutes of January 1, 2017 were approved. (5-0-0)

7:35 pm. Continued Public Hearing: One Cochituate Road - Wayland Depot. Installation of wooden guard rails in parking area and wooden fencing rail trail at Depot. John Moynihan reported that the rail trail fencing currently in the Depot parking lot could be dropped from 54 inches to a height of 42 inches, which matches the top of the middle rail (board) currently. John hopes this work can be completed by the end of April.

Wayland Passenger Station - aka Wayland Depot. Relocation of sign. Margery explained that the post for the Depot sign situated currently close to Route 27 north of the driveway entrance needs replacement, given the rot in the post-below grade. She asked if the sign could be relocated farther from the road on the enlarged, grassy traffic "island" that rings the Pin Oak near the front of the Depot parking lot. Because this would be just a relocation of the current sign - an HDC hearing would not be required. However, Margery said that she would report back to the HDC before such a change was made to delineate exact sign placement and its visibility.

First Parish Church, Informal discussion of possible location of a bench. John Thompson was present to discuss the possible placement of a bench on the grounds of the First Parish Church. It would be a gift in memory of Lauren Astley made by her parents. With a couple of locations mentioned, the one most favorably received by everyone was that next to the east side of the new addition where there is a small garden or courtyard. The bench could be of granite and large enough to accommodate two people. John offered to provide the HDC an image or sketch-along with a confirmed location.

Demolition Delay Bylaw Article 15 - HDC Position for ATM 2017. Gretchen noted some resistance to this Article and she offered to write a letter to the *Town Crier* to explain its importance and indicate HDC support.

Annual Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. There was a motion that the current slate remains the same (with Gretchen as chair, Alice as vice chair and Margery as clerk). This received a positive unanimous vote. (5-0-0)

Design Guidelines - final review. Desmond McAuley was absent, but had submitted recommendations. There was some discussion of wording and pictures. The Guidelines are just about finished. The final version will be shared with the Commission and posted on the website before a public hearing is held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston