

Minutes
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Philip Pane Lower Hearing Room
7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission Members Present: David J. Russo, Marilynne K. Roach, Thomas Melone, J.B. Jones, Elise Loukas, Donald Berg, Susan Steele

Member(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Christopher, Hayward, Susan C. Jenness

J. B. Jones chaired. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a description of the public hearing process for the Historical Commission (HC) by Jones.

1) Informational Presentation – athenahealth Proposal for campus improvements
Bob Corning – Stantec, representing

Present at the meeting to give the presentation were Charles Rose, FAIA, Mark Blair of athenahealth, and Bob Corning of Stantec.

The presentation of Phase I of the Proposal for campus improvements involves the large parking garage and retail space at the west end of the campus.

The goals of Phase 1 of this project were to develop the campus to meet the needs of athenahealth by creating more permeable open space with a landscaping plan, and to create a robust storm water management plan.

athenahealth submitted a master plan over the summer which was approved by the planning board in July and an opinion was rendered in August.

Phase I of the project was presented by the team for the HC at this meeting.

Public Comments

Libby Shaw, President for Trees for Watertown spoke about the shade trees that are located on Arsenal St. She said that they are a couple of decades old and that it would be wonderful for her to see the trees incorporated into the plan.

The project is expected to be completed by the year 2022.

Russo explained that the next steps would be that the HC will hear from Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and that once they are in receipt of the letter from MHC, they will have more conversation among themselves in a meeting.

2) Discussion- MHC 2017 Fiscal Year Commission Survey and Planning Grant Program. Pre-Application Deadline November 14, 2016. Full Applications Invitation issued December 14, 2016. Full Application Deadline February 6, 2017. Award Selection March 6, 2017. Project end date-June 30, 2018.

Russo explained that they would need to have a very specific plan if they are to apply for the MHC 2017 Fiscal Year Commission Survey and Planning Grant Program whereas the Pre-Application Deadline is November 14, 2016.

Hayward mentioned that 917 Belmont St. might be a project they could work on. He said that painting and fixing the columns are needed right now. Berg said that the house needs windows.

Hayward explained that Sharry Berg is working on the nomination process to get the Common St. and Arlington St. Cemetery on to the national register at this time. The cost of that project is \$13,000.00.

Loukas mentioned that she has some ideas about donations that may come in through people who are inspired by the abolitionists. Realistically, she said that would probably not happen by November.

Additional discussion and thought was needed to make a decision at the next HC meeting.

3) Minutes– August 11, 2016

Motion: Loukas made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 HC meeting. Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached to adopt the minutes of the August 11, 2016 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned.