

**Minutes**  
**of the**  
**Watertown Historical Commission**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2008**  
**Council Chambers**

**Historical Commission Members Present:**

**Russo, Roach, Jones, Light, Berg, O'Looney**

**Staff Present:** Collins

**Public Present:** See attached Sign-In Form

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The meeting opened at 7:30p.m.

- 1. Demolition Permit for 69 Waverly Avenue, a three family residence to be demolished for new townhouses, Douglas S. Agule, applicant; Charles S. Russo, owner.**

Collins informed that the applicant has requested a continuance for the next HC meeting.

**Vote:** Berg moved to continue the hearing to the February meeting. Roach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **November Minutes** - approved

3. **2008 Calendar**

The 2008 HC Meeting Calendar was approved with meeting changes to February 13, 2008 and October 16, 2008.

4. **Plaque Program** – Collins reported that there has been an increase in applications due to the Christmas public notice in the TAB. Collins will contact the TAB for continued press.

5. **Time Limits for DD and Not Preferably Preserved Determinations.** A discussion raised the question as to when does a Demolition Delay expire, if the applicant does not raise the building after the period ends. Collins noted that applications that have been determined to be Preferably Preserved by the Historical Commission require a new review if there is a new owner or contractor. She noted that the DD expirations do not transfer with ownership or developer. However, there is nothing in the Ordinance or regulations that state that.

Collins noted that in the cases where the HC determined that a property was not Preferably Preserved. That determination does remain with the property.

Russo will review the status of the proposed regulations on Substantial Demolition with Watson and will also would look into how long would a determination of not Preferably Preserved last and whether that should have an expiration date.

6. **Saltonstall Statue** – Roach noted that the Solomon Fund is trying to figure out ways to improve the statue.
  
7. **Neighborhood Photos** – Russo requested that photos of the neighborhoods be forwarded to him. In particular, he urged that photos of properties on the T-Zones be taken. In particular, he requested photos of areas where a multi-family would not be compatible but allowable by right. He noted as an example Hawthorn Street which is zoned differently on each side.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm