

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, August 22, 2012
6:30pm
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted September 19, 2012

Members Present: Kenneth Sheytanian, Carolyn Famiglietti, Harvey Steiner, Linda Sternberg

Members Absent: Robert Childs, John Hecker

Staff Present: Christopher Hayward, Daphne Collins, Steve Magoon

Public Present: (See Sign-In Form)

Steiner chaired.

1. 917 Belmont Street Historic District Study

Steiner reported that Town Council voted to authorize the HDC to study 917 Belmont Street as a Historic District at their August 14th meeting.

Limits to the Historic District - The HD discussed the boundaries to be studied. Steiner and Sheytanian suggested that the study be limited to the property boundary. Steve Tannenbaum, representative of the owner of 917 Belmont Street, requested that the district be limited to the building.

Vote: Sternberg moved that the 917 Belmont Street Historic District boundary to be studied be that of the property line of 917 Belmont Street. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Letter, Survey and Frequently Asked Questions – The HDC was provided drafts for review of the letter, survey and Frequently Asked Questions to be sent to the property owner providing and seeking information regarding the proposed HD. Staff will make final revisions based on HC input. Suggested date for survey submission deadline was September 12, 2012.

Vote: Sternberg moved to release the letter, survey and frequently asked questions to the district property owner. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance – it was discussed that **917 Belmont Street Historic District** would be an additional amendment to the present **Watertown Historic District Ordinance and Design Review Guidelines**.

917 Belmont Street Historic District Study Group– Steiner suggested that the HDC Study group (HDC membership) include additional members for their technical expertise. He suggested David Russo. Joyce Kelly and Marilynne Roach volunteered.

Vote: Sternberg moved that the 917 Belmont Street Historic Study Group include David Russo, Marilynne Roach and Joyce Kelly. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. July Minutes – Approved.

3. August 8th Minutes – Approved.

4. Old Business

- a. 247 Mt. Auburn – Hayward reported that the Armenian General Benevolent Union has a new chair who is very interested in restoring the property. Proposed is the removal of the vinyl siding, and replacing the sign.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.