

**Waltham Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: March 9, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: Remote meeting using Zoom**

1. Chair: Called Meeting to Order at 7:05 PM.

2. Secretary: Made the call of the roll

*Commissioner Isaacson, present
Commissioner Daly, present
Commissioner Migdal, present
Commissioner Dufromont, present
Commissioner Egirous, present
Commissioner Russo, present
Commissioner Wilson, absent*

3. Chair: Reading & Acceptance of the February 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner Daly moved to accept the minutes as written.
Commissioner Dufromont seconded.**

Roll Call Vote:

*Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egirous, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, absent*

4. Chair: Announcements: None

Chair: Reading and Description of Correspondence:

The Commission was invited to participate in the Knox Trail 250th commemoration event in Cambridge. Because no Commission members were available on that date, Chairman Isaacson passed the invitation on to the Waltham Historical Society president Wayne McCarthy, who is a Revolutionary War reenactor. He represented Waltham at the event, which was covered by The Boston Globe.

The Historical Commission was also invited to attend a meet and greet for the new City Veteran's Services Officer, John O'Connor, at Government Center. Chairman Isaacson planned to attend.

5. Chair: Public Hearings: None

6. Development Prospectus Hearings:

20 Williams Street

Attorney Joseph Connors represented the property, which is a vacant lot. The owner was seeking a special permit to construct four residential units on the lot. Commissioner Daly confirmed that the lot has been vacant since at least 1956. Commissioner Isaacson shared historic maps showing that there was a stream running through the lot in colonial times, which was probably culverted at some point.

Commissioner Dufromont moved to find that the property is not historically significant. Commissioner Daly seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egiros, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, absent

241 Crescent Street – The Waltham Watch Factory

Attorney Michael Connors of Connors and Connors, 689 Main Street in Waltham, represented the property. The owners were seeking approval of phase four of development on the site, which would create 140 new residential units where an underutilized parking deck stands next to the historic buildings. Plans and renderings for the new building were shared. Mr. Connors assured the Commission that the new construction would not affect the historic buildings. There was discussion of how the new building might impact the view of the Watch Factory from the street, and whether the new building design fits in with the architecture of the historic buildings.

Commissioner Migdal moved to find the site historically significant, with a note on the development prospectus that the plan as presented would not interfere with the historical significance.

Commissioner Daly seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egrious, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, absent

7. Stonehurst: Monthly report, including inventory update, Stonehurst Curator:

No report was submitted.

8. Wellington House: Monthly Report & Update

The Building Maintenance Department submitted requisitions to the Purchasing Department for the planned restoration project.

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

Fernald: None

Community Preservation Committee (CPC): No applications marked historical had been submitted recently. Chairman Isaacson suggested the Commission should use the remaining funds from a previous CPA grant to have the historic stone walls around the new high school in Sanderson Heights surveyed.

Historic Inventory: None

Edu. & Outreach: The printer submitted a proof for the new Boston Manufacturing Company Mill Village brochure, but the panels were not aligned properly for folding, so it was sent back for redesign.

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

The budget for FY2027 was just requested and will be due before the April meeting of the Historical Commission. In the FY2026 budget, the mayor reduced the operating budget by

\$1000. Because of increased printing of brochures, Chairman Isaacson felt that it would be good to request that \$1000 be returned to the budget for next year.

Commissioner Dufromont moved to request that \$1000 be added to the budget for FY2027.

Commissioner Egirous seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egirous, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, absent

12. Adjournment:

Commissioner Daly moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Migdal seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egirous, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, absent

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

For a recording of the full meeting, please see www.wcac.org