

**Waltham Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 11, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: Remote meeting using Zoom**

1. Chair: Called Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM.

2. Secretary: Made the call of the roll

*Commissioner Isaacson, present
Commissioner Daly, present
Commissioner Migdal, present
Commissioner Dufromont, present
Commissioner Egiros, present
Commissioner Russo, present
Commissioner Wilson, present*

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

**Commissioner Egiros moved to accept the minutes as written.
Commissioner Migdal seconded.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

4. Chair: Announcements:

Chairman Isaacson had a budget meeting with Mayor McCarthy. He requested an increase of \$1000 to print more history tour brochures and to purchase customized display holders for them.

Chair: Reading and Description of Correspondence:

The Commission was contacted by a former Commissioner, Jason Tannenbaum, who is now a senior consultant at Brandeis University, and an expert in historic preservation at the

national level. Mr. Tannenbaum was in attendance. He introduced himself and spoke briefly on his resume.

Commissioner Daly moved to take #9 Community Preservation Committee applications out of order.

Commissioner Dufromont seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacson, yes
Commissioner Daly, yes
Commissioner Dufromont, yes
Commissioner Egrous, yes
Commissioner Migdal, yes
Commissioner Russo, yes
Commissioner Wilson, yes

The motion carried.

5. Chair: Public Hearings: None

Demolition Delay Hearings: None

6. Development Prospectus Reviews: None

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

An email from Richard Cooke in the Planning Department provided updates on work at the Paine Estate. Furnace installation was complete. Painting and plastering were underway. Restoration of the fireplace, patio, porch, and roof had not yet begun. Commissioner Dufromont visited the house recently and confirmed that work on the patio was completed since that email was sent in April.

8. Wellington House: Monthly Report & Update

The Commission was presented with decisions on colors for the windows and doors of the house. Photos of current construction were shared. The windows were removed for restoration. A concrete gutter apron was installed. Work on the handicapped ramp had begun. Interior work had also begun. There was a discussion about appropriate color choices for the windows and doors. Chairman Isaacson suggested that the muntins of the windows be painted white on the outside and painted to match the trim and door on the inside the house. He recommended that the outside of the doors remain dark green. The Commission agreed.

9. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

Fernald: The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the 40B designation for Cardinal Cottage to be housing.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC):

Jackie Bowdoin, along with the City of Waltham, was seeking a letter of support from the historical commission for a CPC application for restoration of the Revolutionary War monument at City Hall. Mayor McCarthy was also in attendance to show her support for the application. The monument is almost 100 years old and is badly oxidized. The names are difficult to read. Ms. Bowdoin is a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a descendant of Revolutionary War Patriots. She felt it would be appropriate to restore the monument in honor of America's 250th birthday. Photos of the monument and the CPC application were shared. The estimate for restoration was \$8,500.

Commissioner Migdal moved to authorize Chairman Isaacson to write a letter of support for the application to restore Waltham's Revolutionary War monument. Commissioner Egiros seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

James Dooley, who works in the Waltham City Clerk's office, was seeking a letter of support for a CPC application to restore Waltham's First Book of Town Records (1737-1758). The Clerk's office had a professional consultant review the City's collection of historical documents in 2022 and prioritize what needed to be restored. This book was at the top of the list. There was some discussion about having the book digitized for online research at the same time. Mr. Dooley said that digitization was part of the quote and application. The quote was just under \$7000 for the project.

Commissioner Daly moved to authorize Chairman Isaacson to write a letter of support for the application to restore and digitize Waltham's First Book of Town Records.

Commissioner Dufromont seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

Historic Inventory: The telltale from the Rail Trail had not been retrieved from the Bentley property yet. Commissioner Isaacson found out that reinstalling it may be difficult because of air rights and getting permission from the DCR.

Edu. & Outreach: The latest brochure, Historic Sites in Waltham's Mill Village Area, arrived at the Commission office.

10. Old Business:

The owners of the former Boston Manufacturing Company Mill sent a color mockup of the replacement windows to be installed. The Commission reviewed the design and blueprints for them months ago. They agreed that the designs were the same as what was previously approved, so no further action was necessary.

11. New Business:

Officer elections were scheduled for the June meeting if all commissioners were present.

12. Adjournment:

Commissioner Russo moved to adjourn.

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, yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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