

REPORT OF THE DENTON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

This report summarizes the activities of the Denton Road Neighborhood Conservation District Commission during the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (FY2014).

Background

At the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting adopted Article 46A of the Town Bylaw allowing for the creation of Neighborhood Conservation Districts. Subsequently, at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, Article 46B on the Town Bylaw was adopted creating the Denton Road Neighborhood Conservation District (“the District”) and establishing the Denton Road Neighborhood Conservation District Commission (“the Commission”). The District is comprised of nineteen (19) residential properties.

The purposes of the District are:

- To recognize that the Denton Road Neighborhood, which dates back to the 1800’s and which contains a variety of homes clustered along a tree-shaded, U-shaped street, is a distinctive neighborhood that contributes significantly to the diversity and character of Wellesley.
- To promote conservation and preservation of its existing Buildings and Structures; to encourage compatible new construction that will complement existing Buildings, Structures, Settings and overall neighborhood character; and to foster appropriate reuse of and upgrades to Buildings and Structures.
- To provide residents and property owners with the opportunity to participate in planning the future of their neighborhood.

To accomplish the purposes of the District, the Commission is charged with reviewing proposals that include, but are not limited to, the construction, alteration, and/or demolition of buildings or structures, the alteration of existing landscaping of a certain size, construction of fences or walls, and the addition of new driveways.

Membership

Per Article 46A, the Commission shall consist of five (5) members and at least two (2) alternates. One (1) member and one (1) alternate shall be designees of the Historical Commission and one (1) member shall be a designee of the Planning Board. Three (3) members and one alternate shall be residents of the District, to be appointed by the Historical Commission. When reasonably possible, the Commission shall include an architect, architectural preservationist, or landscape architect. Members and alternates of the Commission designated by the Historical Commission and/or the Planning Board shall initially be appointed for staggered terms, and to two (2) year terms thereafter. Members who are residents of the District shall initially be appointed to staggered terms, and to three-year terms thereafter. Each Commission member or alternate may continue to serve in office after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed.

The membership of the Commission during the reporting period is as follows:

Tucker Swan, Chair - Neighborhood Rep., Term Expires 2017
Janet Giele, Vice Chair - Neighborhood Rep., Term Expires 2015
Herbert Nolan - Neighborhood Rep., Term Expires 2017
Joel Slocum - Neighborhood Alt., Term Expires 2015
Helen Robertson - Historical Commission Designee, Term Expires 2016
Eugene Cox - Historical Commission Alt. Designee, Term Expires 2017
Vacant - Planning Board Designee

In April 2014, the Commission was notified that Barbara Bourque, who had served as the Planning Board's designee since the Commission's original formation, had moved from Wellesley and would therefore be resigning from the Board.

Meetings and Project Reviews

The Commission held a single meeting during the reporting period, on May 22, 2014, to review membership, elect officers, and discuss the general business of the Commission. No applications were submitted for the Commission's consideration during the reporting period.