

REPORT OF THE WELLESLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

This report summarizes the activities of the Wellesley Design Review Board during the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (FY2014).

Background

The Commission has the powers and duties of Historic District Commissions in accordance with the Historic Districts Acts, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Membership

The Wellesley Historic District Commission consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen as specified in Article 18 of the Wellesley Town Bylaws. Serving on the Historic District Commission during 2013-2014 were:

Edwina McCarthy, Chairman
David Giangrasso, Vice Chairman
Eric Cohen
Carolyn Morris
David Smith
Lisa Abeles

Meetings and Project Review

During the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, the Historic District Commission conducted five (5) public hearings where ten (10) applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed, resulting in the issuance of seven (7) Certificates of Appropriateness.

The Commission continues to publish its agenda, meeting minutes, historic district regulations, as well as other related matters on the town-wide web site. Additional materials can be obtained at the Planning Board office.

The Commission would like to commend the District's residents for the impeccable designs brought forward in the past year. Projects were reviewed and approved at 7, 16, 17 and 41 Cottage Street and at 17 and 19 Abbott Street. A modification to the previously-approved project at 20 Cottage Street was also reviewed and approved.

Two New Single Building Historic Districts

Town Meeting Members approved Article 33 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, which established two new single building historic districts at 26 Elmwood Road and 126 Woodlawn Avenue. The Historic District Commission will review proposed changes at these two properties.