

The Board continues to publish and have available its agenda, meeting minutes, sign regulations, design guidelines, project updates as well as other related matters on the town-wide web site and in the Planning Board office

The Design Review Board's regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Planning Board office. Residents are encouraged to attend.

### **Membership**

The Wellesley Design Review Board consists of five members appointed by the Planning Board as specified in Section XXII (Design Review) of the Zoning Bylaw and three alternate members. Serving on the Design Review Board during 2004-2005 were:

Robert A. Broder, AIA, Chairman  
Ingrid Carls, Vice Chairman  
Thomas M. Paine  
Frank J. Shea  
David Grissino  
Edward S. Hand, Alternate  
Arshag Merguerian, AIA, Alternate  
Sheila E. Dinsmoor, Alternate

### **REPORT OF THE WELLESLEY FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE**

This report summarizes the activities of the Wellesley Fair Housing Committee during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

### **Resolution**

On April 8, 1985 the Annual Town Meeting unanimously adopted the following Fair Housing Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Town of Wellesley, acting through all of its agencies, to insure equal housing opportunity for all people without regard to race, color, national ancestry, age, sex, religious preference or marital status. In instances where there is either an over-concentration or under-representation of minorities as compared to Boston SMSA population figures, the Town of Wellesley will work with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in investigating and taking or supporting appropriate legal action against violations of fair housing law.

The Fair Housing Committee has been charged by its appointing authority, the Wellesley Board of Selectmen, with promoting this policy through educational programs to inform people of anti-discrimination laws and with encouraging and monitoring the enforcement of these laws.

### **Complaint Intake**

No complaints were received during the reporting period.

### **Membership**

The Members of the Fair Housing Committee are John G. Schuler, Chairman, Gretchen T. Underwood and Peggy Lawrence. Richard H. Brown serves as Fair Housing Officer.

## **WELLESLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Wellesley Historical Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each to serve a three-year term. The members of the Commission for the period of this report were Linda Buffum, Joel Slocum, Helen Robertson, Pierre Laurent and Barbara Searle, Chairman.

We continued to follow the progress of the renovation of the Farms Station. The slate roof was replaced with Community Preservation Act monies, with the scheduled repointing to take place in the fall of 2005.

We supported the efforts of some members of the Wellesley Country Club to renovate rather than demolish the clubhouse, which contains the ballroom wherein the vote was taken in 1881 to separate Wellesley from Needham. We were disappointed that the Club finally voted to demolish the clubhouse, and turned to focusing our efforts on preserving as much as possible of certain parts of the structure and setting up a monument with an informative plaque to commemorate the site.

The Wellesley Inn was a regular item on our agenda. We hoped to be involved with the Planning Board, the Selectmen and the Design Review Board as the developers came forward with plans. A meeting was requested for July 11, 2005 to see the plans with the new architect.

We took advantage of Article 6.5 of the Town bylaws to add two advisory members to help us with our increased workload. We decided to ask the Board of Selectmen for permission to ask Town Meeting to allow us to add two permanent members, which would give us the maximum allowed number of seven.

The Katharine Lee Bates House and Clock Tower National Historic Register nominations continued as works in progress.

We received approval for the Wellesley Hills Library branch to be nominated for listing on the National Historic Register using Community Preservation Act monies. The contract for the nomination process was signed with consultant Kathy Broomer.

We continued to be very concerned with the teardown issue in our community. (In the last four years over 200 demolition permits were granted.) We submitted several articles to the