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Wellesley Historical Commission
 HDC: 15-03
 Categorical Approval
 June 24th, 2015

The Commission certifies that the following is an accurate record of the request by Tad Heuer on behalf of the Wellesley Historical Commission (Applicant) to determine that plaques displaying historical information about buildings, properties, people and the like, as part of the Historic Home Plaque Program, may be mounted on homes within the Historic District without review by the Commission, without causing substantial derogation from the intent and purpose of the Historic Districts bylaw.

The Historic District Commission reviewed the request at a duly called and properly posted public hearing held on June 23rd, 2015.

APPROVED PLANS AND MATERIALS

1. Letter from Tad Heuer requesting hearing
2. Photographs of Properties with Historic Home Plaques
 - a. 10 Cottage Street
 - b. 12 Cottage Street
 - c. 33 Cottage Street
3. Summary of Historic Home Plaques within the Historic District.

MOTION

Mr. Heuer, along with Mr. Josh Dorin, presented the application and reviewed the history of the plaque program as well as the exception added to the Sign Bylaw at the April 2015 Town Meeting. The Commission discussed the application, including placement of the plaques, the information that could be displayed regarding persons and events, and the plaque material itself. The Commission confirmed that the plaques under consideration would have to be "sanctioned by the Wellesley Historical Commission." The Commission also questioned whether ground mounted signs would be appropriate. Mr. Heuer and Mr. Dorin confirmed that in their tenures they had not installed a ground mounted sign, nor did they foresee the need to do so. The Commission elected to strike language allowing ground mounted signs.

Ms. Abeles moved to find that the signs may be installed without causing substantial derogation from the intent and purpose of the Historic Districts bylaw and grant a Categorical Approval allowing one sign per house. Such signs are to be sanctioned by the Town of Wellesley Historical Commission and display historical information about buildings, properties, people and the like, not to exceed two (2) square feet in area, and to be wall mounted.


 On behalf of the Historic District Commission:
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Date 6.25.15

cc: File Copy, Michael Grant (Wellesley Building Inspector), Kathy Nagle (Wellesley Town Clerk)