

**Meeting of the  
Wellesley Historical Commission  
February 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM  
Meeting Convened via Zoom**

**Call to Order:**

Chair Rise Shepsle called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

**Members Present:** Chair Rise Shepsle, Vice-Chair Michael Racette, Jacob Lilley, Michael Greco, Larry McNally, Grant Brown

**Alternate Members Present:** Joyce Wadlington, Emily Maitin, Tom Paine, Alex Gavis, Jackie Hempel

**Also Present:** Interim Planning Director Eric Arbeene

**Citizen Speak**

None

**Waiver Modification**

DR-2022-19 – 115 Woodlawn Ave

Mr. Arbeene stated the project at 115 Woodlawn Ave will be sold to a third party for development and a second waiver is not needed, as the original waiver has been filed and goes with the land.

No action required.

**Public Hearings- Waiver**

DR-2022-43 – 287 Oakland Street

Present: Ron Searles, architect; Heather Dorey, landscape architect; Larry Shind attorney for applicant

Mr. Arbeene detailed aspects of the application.

Mr. Searles reported the design fits the neighborhood, and is pure New England.

Mr. Shind reported the house is just over 5,900 TLAG and we will go to the Planning Board for Large House Review approval.

Ms. Shepsle and Mr. Greco inquired about the size of the new house as compared to the existing house.

Ms. Hempel inquired about the dormer located on the back of the house. Mr. Searles replied the back of the house would not be seen from the street.

Mr. Paine inquired about the type of heating.

Resident Megan LeBlanc, 291 Oakland Street expressed concerns about the mature plantings.

Ms. Hempel asked if the transom windows could be replaced with standard windows.

Mr. Lilley arrived to the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Lilley opined the commissioners should be concerned about all sides of the house.

Mr. McNally inquired about the ridge height. Ms. Dorey replied we are mindful of the ridge heights, of the surrounding houses.

Mr. Racette motioned to continue DR-2022-43, until the next meeting of the Wellesley Historical Commission on 3/14/23. Mr. McNally seconded the motion.

A roll-call vote under applicable law and emergency orders, was taken.

Hempel-aye  
McNally-aye  
Racette-aye  
Lilley-aye  
Maitin-aye  
Greco-aye  
Shepsle-aye

The motion was approved to continue DR-2022-43 - 287 Oakland Street to the next meeting of the Wellesley Historical Commission.

### **Plaque Program Update**

Mr. Arbeene presented updates to the plaque program.

### **New Business**

Ms. Shepsle stated that some 10 Awards for houses will be distributed to those owners of houses who renovated their historic houses instead of razing will be distributed.

Ms. Shepsle reported the Wellesley Historical Society will be holding a trivia night event, and she hopes the Commission will participate.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Shepsle closed the meeting at 8:45 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED – MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023