

FRAMINGHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 1997

Members Present: S. Herring, Chair; L. Evans-Daly, Secretary;  
G. Couto, W. Lyon. Planning Department Staff: Heli Meltsner.  
Public present: Harry & Kathy Blackie.

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1997, were read and approved as amended.

General correspondence, miscellaneous: MHC has requested more info re: a communication antenna on the Hemenway Building at Framingham State College. Copies of two memorandums from the Planning Dept. re: Hollis St. Fire Station reuse were received.

Public Question time: No public questions.

Watch list:

- ✓ Kendall Building - Removed from list.
- ✓ 671 Central Street - Removed from list. *back on list*
- ✓ Danforth Street Bridge - Removed from list.

Beaumont Building - Added to list.

Rugg/Gates House - Turnpike called H. Meltsner to set up meeting. Date pending. *whole property being subdivided*

Annie Dennett House - LED to write a letter to the Selectmen making sure that they are aware of the historic nature of this property.

Old Business:

Athenaeum Hall - Several meetings have taken place. There will be at least one more. More info is needed. The next FHC meeting will be scheduled before Town Meeting to discuss the situation.

Historic Markers - 1996 program - Four signs were delivered, one was on hand, three were on order and two were refused.

Historic Markers - 1997. A decision was made to offer signs for buildings up to 1850 a choice - the full sign with name and date if the name were historically significant or a date-only sign.  
+ Fourteen named houses built before 1826 were selected for the beginning of this phase. Thirteen additional buildings were noted as important and had names associated with them.

Preservation Awards - LED presented two draft certificates, small and large. Nominations should be made in writing with supporting data.

Preservation Planning - HM presented orally portions of her draft. She will present the plan formally soon.

New Business:

Demolition permit - Woodside Cottages - Three buildings consisting of a stucco barn in poor condition, a yellow house (c. 1900) and a small cottage conventionally framed. (A large mansion on the property had been previously demolished and one cottage burned.) Harry Blackie, the developer, agreed to allow us to name one street and to contribute \$500 to a marker to be placed at the end of the road on the "open" lot. He will send a letter of intent to SH. The buildings were voted not significant.

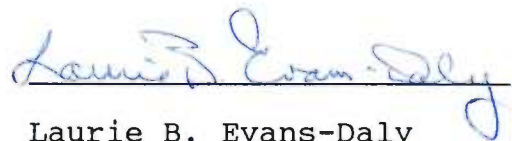
Demolition Permit - Woodrow Wilson School (1928 with a 1964 addition) This handsome structure was not listed in the Inventory of Cultural Resources. There is at least one other town building of similar design. Interested parties have worked long and hard to replace this building with a new school. It was voted not significant. WL would like to be on record as objecting to this vote.

Neighborhood representatives/contacts - Postponed.

Zoning for downtown over storefronts - Postponed.

Cluster zoning - Postponed.

Next meeting date: April 14, 1997 7:30

  
Laurie B. Evans-Daly  
Secretary