

## Kendal Common Local Historic District Study Committee

### Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

Members Present: Alicia Primer (AP), Kathy Scadden (KS), Rick Brotman, (RB), Henry Stone (HS), David Fixler (DF)  
Staff Present: Christine Zale (CZ)

KS Called meeting to Order 9:33am and read open meeting law disclaimer from Governor regarding open meetings.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

#### MHC Survey Status Update- Discussion w/ Consultant Stacy Spies

- Ms. Spies discussed her progress on the survey which has fallen behind schedule due to the final survey list taking a long time to finalize. She said the photography was almost complete and her assistant will be doing deed research. Properties within Kendal Common will be the first forms she completes.
- The Committee discussed the work they have been doing including creating a webpage and drafting a letter for the neighborhood.
- There was a discussion of different historic neighborhoods in Town and the changes that have occurred.
- There was a discussion of the current makeup of the Kendal Common neighborhood. RB noted that the common ownership of land within the neighborhood could be the bond which has helped the neighborhood stay intact.
- AP suggested meeting with Ms. Spies after the Kendal Common forms are drafted.
- CZ asked Ms. Spies what the MHC preferred term for the architectural style for the survey. Ms. Spies said the official term is “Mid-Century Modern”. There was a discussion of different terms for architecture of this era.
- There was a discussion of the addition of the Case House to the Survey list and other mid-century properties in Town.

#### Webpage status update:

- CZ shared webpage draft as edited by AP including a timeline for the survey work.
- CZ will set up a meeting with Michelle LeBlanc to get the webpage live on the Town Website and will add a link to the agendas.

#### Neighborhood Outreach:

##### Letter & Future Neighborhood meeting

- CZ shared draft letter with edits from KS. The committee made grammatical edits to the letter on screen.
- There was a discussion of how the letter would be distributed. Everyone agreed that email was preferable. RB has the email addresses for the neighborhood residents.
- KS asked if the letter should be sent to the Lexington Neighborhood Association. The committee agreed to hold off and only send the letter to Kendal Common residents.
- CZ shared bibliography drafted by DF. DF discussed the sources he provided within the bibliography.
- There was a discussion of including a link to this bibliography on the webpage and potentially including a scanned chapter from one of the books listed.
- RB discussed some of the challenges of getting the neighbors interested in and informed about the historical significance of the architecture.
- CZ noted the ongoing discussion of scheduling a neighborhood meeting. The Committee agreed to wait to see what the response is to the letter.

#### Workplan Discussion

- AP said she will edit the letter to include the link to the bibliography.
- CZ will meet with Michelle LeBlanc to get the webpage up and include the link to the webpage in the letter for RB to distribute to the neighborhood.

#### Schedule Next Meeting plans

- The Committee tentatively scheduled the next meeting for 4/20 9:30am.

Adjournment- 10:38am: HS moved to adjourn. DF seconded and the motion passed in a unanimous vote.