

1 *Brookline Preservation Commission*
2 **MINUTES OF THE February 10, 2022 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**
3 **25 Cottage Sign writing committee**
4 **Held Virtually using Zoom Online Software**
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7 **Commissioners Present:**

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9 Elton Elperin, Chair
10 David Jack
11 Elizabeth Armstrong
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13 **Staff:** Tina McCarthy
14 Public: Ashley Clark, Dennis Dewitt
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17 EE calls the meeting to order at 3:00.

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19 TM asks to think about safety

20 DD suggest Warren Street, safer there.

21 EA wants to talk to the developer so that they can include it in their site plan. Would like to
22 consider a sign with a photo of the original house.

23 DD- Do we want a roadside historic marker or an interpretative panel?

24 EE- we need a target word count. Other signs seem to be between 80 words and 120 words on
25 each side. To be read by pedestrians with graphics.

26 DJ- this will appeal to the visitors of the Olmsted Historic Site, which is a 5 minute walk. There
27 is a sidewalk between the two sites.

28 DD- DPW will need to look at this.

29 EA- that should be part of our timeline.

30 EE- perhaps the wall should be set back to make room for safe access.

31 EA- The developer is probably funding the sign but we need to clarify. They need to develop a
32 site plan that reflects the sign plan.

33 AC- The sign was part of our mitigation plan, will confirm details.

34 TM- mentions maintenance and asks for this to be a part of the plan.

35 DD-suggest that it be designed to match the historic street signs.

36 AC- Brookline historic society has historic markers, they were used as a template for the signs
37 at another property on Warren.

38 DJ- Boston Landmarks also has a lot of signs, they have been around a long time. Would do
39 some digging to find out about their process.

40 EA- metal markers would limit our word count and photos.

41 DD- 4 topics the sign needs to address- Olmsted; Perkins; Hooper; Richardson

42 TM- adds current redevelopment, which should be represented.

43 EE- Two signs, one for each house?

44 EA- likes the inclusion of Hooper to give recognition to Abolitionist movement.

45 DD- We need to be specific about what Perkins legacy, this Perkins was not in the opium trade.
46 Will start trying to develop a draft so we can establish a word count.

47 DJ will reach out to Charlie Sullivan in Cambridge and Boston Landmarks for sign programs.
48 Will document existing conditions. Check with engineering for a site plan.
49 EA- is there anyone we need to consult with that isn't on the subcommittee. We want a
50 professional company to design the sign. Will the developer pay these people?
51 DD- the developer should pay for the sign development. Erin Gallentine may be the person to
52 reach out to regarding the sidewalks, potential sign location.
53 DJ will also reach out to Erin regarding these questions.
54 AC will talk to the client about:
55 Location(s)
56 Safety
57 Content
58 Execution- design, fabrication
59 Cost- initial & maintenance
60 Route- access for the public
61 Commissioners discussed the need to do outreach to Town Meeting Members who spoke about
62 the sign at Town Meeting.
63 EE- can do outreach to the names I have from Town Meeting that were interested in participating.
64 EA- I have notes from the advisory subcommittees we spoke with before Town Meeting, can
65 look up who was involved. DJ recommends reaching out to the chairs of these Boards and asking
66 them to help do outreach to those concerned.
67 EA- will reach out to Scott Gladstone and ask for suggestions, and also invite him to participate.
68 Next meeting set for March 10th at 3 PM.
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71 Meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.