

1 *Brookline Preservation Commission*
2 **MINUTES OF THE June 6th, 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:** Jean Woy, Dennis Dewitt, Eric Hyett, Scott Gladstone, Wendy Machmuller
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17 Mr. Elperin called the meeting to order at 3:01.
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19 Ms. McCarthy asked commissioners for an update on the work from the last meeting.
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21 Mr. Dewitt recapped his conversations with Lauren Meier at Fairsted. No response from her.
22 Family of HHR is ok with a marker at the grave and the owners of 16 Warren Street also want
23 a marker at their property.

24 Mr. Jack spoke about conversations with Brienne, website designer & acting supervisor at
25 Fairsted. No problem in principal with the sign but the Park Service may have requirements.
26 Recalled QR code signs in Gloucester, asked if they could be contacted for prices.
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28 Mr. Elperin asked about the concept of a master sign at Fairsted. Liked the ideas of text,
29 photographs and QR code. Ms. McCarthy recalled this discussion and expressed concerns
30 about all content being accessed via QR code. Ms. Armstrong spoke about the safety concerns
31 at the site and supported the idea of using a content sign at Fairsted.
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33 Mr. Elperin asked about the sitemap he drew; Ms. McCarthy shared it. It involves a pull off;
34 questions raised about property lines and approval process.

35 Mr. Jack stated that the Engineering Department does not have maps for this area.
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37 Ms. Armstrong stated that the developer cannot necessarily opt out of this process.
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39 Discussion of possible sign content and logistics of QR codes. Ms. Armstrong spoke in favor
40 of a simple marker and QR code at the sites; Fairsted to host the larger panel.

41 Mr. Jack prepared people for a long approval process with Fairsted.
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43 Mr. Dewitt asked about locating a sign outside the Fairsted property on Town land. Mr. Jack
44 explained that a recent sign placed outside the fence took forever to get approved. He
45 suggested meeting with Brienne for advice. He had initially explored the idea of the sign and
46 QR code and tying it to the Fairsted website. She did not think it was complicated as to adding

47 the content to the website, but that the approval process was lengthy. He had not spoken with
48 her about a physical sign on the property of Fairsted.

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50 Mr. Gladstone suggested a sign at the Reservoir, accessed via Dudley Street. The Reservoir
51 could host a Map of the LHD. It is Town property and should not be an obstacle at all. Mr.
52 Dewitt suggested 16 Warren Street. Raised questions about confusion between Reservoir
53 historic site and Fairsted/ LHD historic district/Green Hill/Town Green. Mr. Elperin
54 appreciated the Reservoir possibility. Ms. Armstrong noted that it would be safe for people to
55 access there.

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57 Mr. Hyett preferred Elton's pull off plan, or people walking and viewing from adjacent
58 sidewalk. He was disheartened by the timelines with the Park Service.

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60 Ms. Machmuller suggested cooperating with Friends of Fairsted on the web content. She
61 stated that they are looking for new content anyway and she could talk to the committee in
62 charge of the website. NPS is a different story, with more approval. Friends of Fairsted site is
63 do-able. Ms. Armstrong supported this idea. Ms. Machmuller asked for a summary to present
64 the ask to the committee to add to the website. Ms. Armstrong will write a summary and send
65 it to Ms. Machmuller. Friends of Fairsted board meeting is on the 18th, would be great to have
66 it by then.

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68 Tasks:

- 69 • Ms. Woy and Mr. Dewitt will work on sign content.
- 70 • Ms. McCarthy will follow up with Erin Gallentine about a reservoir sign location;
71 request that the developer provide property lines; and send minutes to Elizabeth.
- 72 • Ms. Armstrong will submit a summary of the web project to the Friends of Fairsted
- 73 • Mr. Elperin will send his redline of Dennis's sign text; draft elevation of marker at the
74 proposed pulloff

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77 Meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.