

# APPROVED MINUTES

## Members

Mark Almeda, Chair  
Christine Cochrane  
Jacqueline Huckle  
Samuel Obar  
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Vice – Chair



## Walpole Historical Commission

Walpole Town Hall  
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A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on January 21, 2016 in the Walpole Room of the Walpole Public Library.

### **The following members were in attendance:**

Mark Almeda, Regular Member, Chair  
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Regular Member, Vice Chair  
Jacqueline Huckle, Regular Member  
Samuel Obar, Regular Member  
Christine Cochrane, Associate Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chairman Mark Almeda read aloud Mass. General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, Subsection G, pertaining to Open Meeting Law procedure.

### Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Almeda made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2015, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huckle. **The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.**

### Correspondence:

Mr. Almeda reported that the Mass. Historical Commission voted that Union Station is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Once the National Park Service approves it, it will officially be on the Register.

Mr. Obar asked if a ceremony would be planned. Mr. Almeda said it could be discussed. Also, a plaque could be discussed.

Mr. Almeda distributed letters from John Anderson at the Historical Society supporting the Union Station nomination.

Mr. Almeda distributed copies of the Commission's annual report.

### Union Station:

No report other than what was already discussed.

### Town Forest:

Town Forest Committee is moving ahead with fundraising for the 100th Anniversary.

Mr. Turner discussed the efforts of the unofficial Town Forest Anniversary Subcommittee.

Mr. Turner said it would be a year-long celebration, however there is a ceremony on May 1.

Mr. Obar asked if a representative of the subcommittee could attend a future Historical Commission meeting to report on the efforts that are underway. Mr. Almeda suggested that a representative should be invited to discuss what the Commission may be able to offer. The Commission would like to publish a book about the Town Forest. Mr. Almeda will go to the next Town Forest Subcommittee meeting.

The Commission decided to devote the next meeting to a workshop about the Town Forest.

Mr. Obar made a motion to invite relevant stakeholders to the Feb. 18 Historical Commission meeting. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. **The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.**

### Unfinished Business

The Commission still does not have a secretary, but Mr. Almeda is working on it.

Mr. Almeda updated the Historical Commission webpage on the town website.

Ms. Huckle said she plans to step off the Commission when her term expires April 1. There was discussion about recruitment of new members. Christine Cochrane plans to apply for full membership.

Mr. Almeda presented the completed Demolition Permit Building Inspection form, which will be a supplement to all demolition applications. Mr. Almeda made a motion to accept the demolition permit review form as presented. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. **The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.**

Mr. Almeda made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huckle. **The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.**