

Minutes of the Cambridge Historical Commission

June 17, 2014 – 50 Fayerweather Street - 5:30 P.M.

Members present: William King, *Chair*; William Barry, M. Wyllis Bibbins, Robert Crocker, Chandra Harrington, Jo M. Solet, *Members*

Members absent: Bruce Irving, *Vice Chair*; Shary Page Berg, Joseph Ferrara Susannah Tobin, *Alternates*

Staff present: Charles Sullivan, *Executive Director*, Sarah Burks, *Preservation Planner*;

Public present: Dr. Jane Rabb

Mr. King called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M. He explained that the informational site meeting had been scheduled at the last meeting on June 5 in order that the Commissioners could become familiar with the property. Dr. Rabb, the owner, had expressed interest in donating a preservation restriction that would protect both interior and exterior features. The Commission had expressed no objections in principle and authorized the staff to discuss the terms of a potential restriction with the owner. He explained that a landmark designation could not protect interior features or exterior features that were not visible from a public way.

Commissioners toured the interior of the house at the invitation of Dr. Rabb.

Mr. Sullivan explained that the next step would be for Dr. Rabb and himself to go through the house and identify significant elements that should be protected.

Dr. Rabb said that the entire interior of the first floor could potentially be protected. She was less sure about the upstairs rooms, where a potential new owner would likely want to enlarge bathrooms.

Ms. Harrington left at 6:05 P.M., and Dr. Solet at 6:11.

Mr. Crocker moved to adjourn. Mr. Bibbins seconded, and the motion was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Burks
Preservation Planner