

Byron/Lockwood Area Neighborhood Group Meeting Minutes October 13, 2016

The meeting was held at 10 Lockwood Rd. at 7 PM and was chaired by Donna Moultrup.

The agenda included:

- 1) Obtaining the required 10 signatures to petition the Lexington Historical Commission for a Study Group.
- 2) Choose three members of the neighborhood to be part of the Study Group.
- 3) Discuss potential guidelines for the neighborhood agreement.

Attendance: Donna Moultrup, 10 Lockwood Rd., Beverly Seavey, 1099 Mass. Ave., Wendy Russman-Halperin, 15 Lockwood Rd., and Chris Neurath, 21 Byron Ave. Gail Leichtman, 18 Lockwood Rd. and Rich Goldhammer, 17 Byron Ave., attended part of the meeting.

The signature page was circulated. Donna had collected some signatures previously of members who could not attend the meeting. Eight signatures had been collected by the end of the meeting. Donna will be responsible for obtaining the remaining two signatures.

It was agreed that Donna, Chris and Rich, who had volunteered to be a part of the Study Committee, would take the lead on this project.

There was a brief discussion about what a Neighborhood Conservation District was in answer to a question. There was discussion of whether the district should include the houses on Mass. Ave. and whether there would be any timeline on this agreement. It was acknowledged that it is not at all clear whether the support exists for the creation of the district. It is believed that everyone is waiting to see what the guidelines might look like. Since the houses on Mass. Ave. are already in the Mass. Ave. Historical District, this would be adding another layer of oversight for those houses. That is true for 7, 10 and 11 Lockwood Rd. also, but they are clearly also a definite part of the Byron/Lockwood neighborhood.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing POSSIBLE guidelines with the caveat that the language, as well as the guidelines themselves, will be refined through the process of the Study Committee with input from the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, other groups working on the same process and members of our group.

Initial Thoughts on Possible Guidelines:

- 1) houses remain oriented to the street they are currently facing
- 2) must have consistency of architectural style and size
- 3) keep a reasonably sized backyard
- 4) no paving of front yards for parking
- 5) no solid fences across front yards

- 6) additions or trees can't unduly shade abutters houses or gardens from winter sun
- 7) trees removed should be replaced with native, shade trees
- 8) colors should avoid bright oranges, blacks and purples
- 9) vegetative fences must be discussed with abutters
- 10) solar panels are okay
- 11) unknown future technologies could be okay but would be subject to review

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.