

**HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2008 AT HILDRETH HOUSE**

Present: Roseanne Saalfield, Doug Coots, Rhonda Sprague, Jonathan Feist, Jim Breslauer, John Martin, Susan Frechette, Chris Cutler

Absent: Rudy Minar

Old Business:

Reviewed minutes of Feb. 5 2008 Meeting. Minutes were accepted and passed unanimously.

New Business:

JF received last minute fax from Robert Adam (North Bennett St, School) concerning CPC funds for restoration of the Herb Drying Shed doors. They want to start ASAP and are asking for \$3,000.

There was discussion of whether there should be an application made for this project before approval by HHC. We moved and seconded a motion to review the door design without an application but with the assurance that the application will be submitted as quickly as possible after the meeting. After review and comment a motion was made by CC and seconded by DC to consider this project applicable and substantial.

Continued discussion about Herb Drying Shed concerning possible clean-up and grading of area around shed by a Bromfield student as a project for Scouts. It was decided that before starting any work the Conservation Comm. be contacted for guidance as it is in a wetland buffer zone.

Regular Meeting stopped at 8:00 PM and Public Hearing opened to discuss new maps of Harvard Historic Districts.

Resident Al Coombs asked the question what exactly is the official map that is being proposed. It was unclear to him why the line at one end of his property was different than what he thought it to be. JM explained that the new map more closely reflects the original language describing the Historic District that was accepted by the town in 1976.

Resident Bob Moran wished to voice three concerns about the Shaker Village Historic District.

1. He believes that there are open questions about whether the " public way " up to Holy Hill is in fact a legal public way. He would like to go on record as saying that he does not think

that it meets the legal requirements of a "public way."

2. He suggested that in the HHC guidelines the commission be more specific in defining characteristics that should be preserved and leave as little as possible to interpretation. It was also suggested that it go as far as inventorying all buildings in Historic Districts and identifying in each building its unique details and characteristics.

3. His final point was that he would like a clearer or expanded definition of what is appropriate as defined in the guidelines.

Closing remarks of Public Hearing concerning new maps: It was suggested that plot numbers, house footprints, road names and a north arrow orientation be placed on both maps.

Public Hearing ended 8:50 PM

Discussion resumed at regular meeting

Herb House doors would like to see more details in door construction also would like to know what materials might be better than suggested by Adam. will discuss at next meeting

Design Guidelines: 200 stapled copies will be made and 30 bound copies. Discussed possible Postcard to be handed out at ATM.

Table at ATM with poster and handouts Poster to be put together by DC

Any comments concerning Rules and regulations please send to RM

Will discuss Cemetery at next meeting

It was suggested that we use the Bromfield High School bulletin board as a place to post possible projects that the HHC wants done i.e. removal of demolished shed next to Herb House.

Please read and Will discuss Town Center plan at next meeting.

SF would like to know how Scenic Road by-law applies to HHC and if we can utilize it in some way.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

Respectfully submitted, Chris Cutler