

May 4 2010

## Minutes of the Harvard Historic Commission

Members present: C. Cutler, J. Feist (Chair), J. Martin, R. Minar, R. Saalfield, R. Sprague, J. Wollaston

Members absent: D. Coots

- minutes of the April meeting were corrected and unanimously accepted
- Bruce Dolimount, Cemetery Comm, and Steve Rowse, Chair of the CPC, were in attendance. The topic was the amendment approved at ATM (Saturday May 1) to add the Cemetery Commission (CC) as official co-sponsors of the HHC request for CPC monies to fund the hiring of a consultant who will write an RFP for the Shaker burial ground restoration project. Rowse acknowledged that he wrote the warrant article with which the members of the CC took exception because they were not formally listed as co-sponsors of the funding request. (They were listed by Saalfield as co-sponsors at another point in the document.) After much discussion Dolimount agreed to return to his colleagues and re-open the discussion of whether the use of the monies was to be tabled, which he reported they had determined to do at their meeting the night before (May 3). Rowse urged him to remind other CC members that three days earlier a near unanimous vote of ATM had endorsed the HHC/CC joint sponsored expenditure of funds on the Shaker Burial Ground RFP . Saalfield told Dolimount she'd be happy to attend his meeting with his colleagues if they so chose.
- Feist reported that ATM voters approved HHC request for 100k in funds for the beginning of the restoration of Town Hall. The money is geared specifically toward work on the exterior of the meeting. Coots and Cutler will report on this project when they are both in attendance.
- L. Horowitz has resigned from the Commission, Minar expressed interest in advancing from an alternate to being a full-fledged member. Feist reported that two people have expressed interest in joining the commission: Maggie Green (former president of the Historic Society, recently finished an architectural degree and has been lately hired as education coordinator at Fruitlands). Green states she is likely to miss 3-4 meetings a year. A Bolton resident, Ken Swanton, has asked to be considered as an applicant. He is moving to Harvard in June and will be invited by Feist to the June meeting.
- Feist presented a number of maps of the Common historic district using one to prove his point that the new 40B(below market) housing being built on Littleton Rd is partly within the bounds of the Harvard Common Historic District. The HHC was not consulted before this project was permitted or

- begun. A motion was made and seconded that the BOS hire a surveyor to accurately confirm the boundaries of the Common historic district.
- Cutler announced that he has attached the historic district signs to the PT posts, as agreed last month. The expectation is that a DPW crew will install the signs before May 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseanne B. Saalfield