

Harvard Historical Commission

Regular Meeting - Periodicals Room, Old Library
Wednesday Aug 1, 2012 at 8 PM

Members in attendance: Ken Swanton, Doug Coots, John Martin, Chris Cutler, Pam Marston

Members absent: Rhonda Sprague, Barbara Hadad, Joe Theriault

Application for Certificate: Rothkopf

The commissioners reviewed the application of Holly and Doug Rothkopf at 14 Old Boston Turnpike Road which includes building a new shed to replace a storm damaged one and modifying the home's entrance ways. Rothkopfs would like the new building to look like the old one. The shed will be the same size only taller. They are proposing a new set of steps for the entrances as well as a portico for each. The commission voted that the proposal would be substantial because of the shed. Rothkopfs will be bringing more information to the next meeting such as some views from the main road, window specs and paint colors. Ken will put a notice of the hearing in the paper. Pam will send a letter to the abutters letting them know about the public hearing.

Discussion of the design for the Town Hall Renovation

We felt that we should meet with THBC in Sept. Next Tue THBC will go to BOS and make a recommendation. There is only one bidder. Doug recommends that we meet with the THBC in Oct. John and Doug will make a presentation to us about how we look at the building; sort of a primer on how to look at historical buildings and additions. We may do this at the September meeting or at a separate meeting. If a separate meeting, Saturday, Sept 22 at 9 am may be a good date for us to meet at the new library. We could have a slide show. We will be inviting THBC to our Oct 3 mtg. Ken will contact Pete Jackson.

Remove HHC records from Town Hall

Julie Doucet has requested that we remove all of HHC records from the Town Hall by Sept 30. John and Chris are going to go through the materials and sort it all.

Tree Removal at Shaker Cemetery

The commission will ask Rhonda to ask CPC for support for tree removal at the Shaker cemetery.

Historic House Marker Program

Pam informed the commission about progress she and Barbara had made in researching house markers in four towns. She gave members samples of criteria, costs and procedure for procuring the markers.

At 8:50 the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is Sept 3, 2012