

Harvard Historical Commission

Regular Meeting - Old Library

Agenda - Wednesday Nov 7, 2012 at 7 PM

Members present: Rhonda Sprague, Ken Swanton, Pam Marston, Joe Theriault, Chris Cutler, Barbara Hadad, Doug Coots, and John Martin

Attendee from Parks and Recreation Commission: John Lee

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

The minutes were amended and approved.

Shaker Cemetery Tree Removal

Several trees came down in the Shaker Cemetery during hurricane Sandy and need to be removed. The Commission did support removal of the large trees, with CPC funds, when it came before us last year but the project was voted down at ATM. The Town counsel then advised that cemetery funds could be used to remove the trees. There are state funds as well to take trees down. As soon as the ground freezes Acorn Tree will take them down. The Commission will ask Tim Bragan to apply for Hurricane Sandy money from FEMA. Bellevue cemetery can be treated as well. The markers at the Shaker Cemetery will be removed and stored at a barn at Fruitlands Museum to be refurbished later. Our priority, at this point, will be the tree removal.

WWI Memorial Restoration and Stonewall Repair

Parks and Recreation representative, John Lee, appeared before HHC with an application for approval of restoration of the WWI memorial. The cost is approximately \$12,000. P&R have a small budget but cannot afford a cost of this magnitude. Also, P&R would like to repair the stone wall along the front of the Bromfield School. HHC will need an application from P&R in order to approve the project. The two issues here will be CPC funding and an actual application to review it from an historical perspective. We would sponsor the CPC application. P&R may also need a building permit for the wall. HHC will require two applications for these projects. Ken will write a letter to John Lee endorsing the projects with a proviso that an application will be forthcoming on the wall along with increased information as to how the restoration will be completed. The vote was unanimous to approve this project for CPC funding.

Katrina Wuensch Application

The vote was unanimous to approve the application for her to change the paint color on her shutters.

Town Hall Renovation

Peter Jackson made a presentation on the TH renovation project. The architect was not in attendance but would be available to talk with the commission by the end of January. The commission as a group

would review the application. Some particulars such as types of windows, paint colors, shutters and the cupola would be considered. The main building will be restored. The hexagonal addition will be removed and replaced with a rectangular shaped, two storey addition to accommodate the elevator. The new cupola will be lantern shaped. The next step will be to have the architects meet with us on Nov 13 at 7:00pm at the new library.

HHC 5 Year Strategic Plan

We will talk about this at our next meeting.

Remove HHC records from Town Hall

There is a lot of stuff there. Some commissioners should meet there to sort it. Barbara, Rhonda and Pam said they would do it.

Historic House Markers Program

Pam and Barbara passed out a draft of an application for house markers. Also included was a write up for our website describing the marker project. It included a link to the application.

Historical Commission Web Site

Joe encouraged us to go to website to see what has been posted. Also to contribute to the blog.

The "Old Inn"

The new owner is redoing the inside and will be sold as condos.

Ongoing and new business

Our application procedure is difficult to understand and needs to be redone. This is a project for another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 5, 2012.