

Harvard Historical Commission
Meeting January 9, 2013

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

List of concerns for town hall renovations

We came up with a list of concerns for the THBC. One chimney does not work and leaks but we care if it is removed. The current front entrance will be non functional and commissioners were disappointed that the front entrance would not be used on a daily basis. Is there a way to explore alternatives to the side door entrance? The cupola is similar to what was there originally so would fit the new design. Shutter hinges could be added now without the shutters. They could be added later if it was decided that shutters were important to have as they were on the original building. Exterior colors can be talked about later as well as the siding. Chris says the committee and architects are at the end of the design development. Zoning issues right now are in the forefront and need to be clarified. Ken will send THBC the list of our concerns.

Historic Markers Program

Chris brought two new sizes of historic plaques for the members to look at. It was decided that the 9x12 would be the best size. Pam and Barbara will decide on a font. The cost would be \$15 to create the blank plaque (Chris would do that) and \$40 to add the printing. Homeowners would make out checks to Town of Harvard. Joe will check with the Finance Director, Lorraine Leonard, at the TH regarding the process and account.

Enhanced HHC Proposed Application

Not sure what you said here.....

Town Hall Records Removal

Chris gave Pam the criteria for disposing of the HHC records housed in the Town Hall. She and Barbara and Rhonda will start to look through the records to determine what ones can be safely removed.

Communication of HHC Website to Citizens

Joe will publicize it on the website next week. There has been some interest in the website.

Commission Position of Architect is Open

Ken wants to post an ad for Doug's position which is now open. We are looking for a candidate. Rhonda will call Mark Cooper who may be interested. AIA must recommend a candidate. The selectman can also contact AIA and ask for names of possible architects.

Bromfield Addition for Cable Commission

The project includes a parking lot and some excavation alongside the school. The building is excluded from our jurisdiction but site work is in the historic district. The feeling is that schools should be allowed to make changes to the buildings if necessary. The commission voted that the changes are substantial. We will have a hearing at our next meeting.

Shaker Spring House

Does HHC have jurisdiction? It is not in the Historic district. The Conservation Commission wants to repair it. Our feeling is that they should repair it as necessary. As an historical commission there is no doubt that this is an historical asset, an historical asset not in an historic district.

Shaker Burial Ground Tree Removal

Acorn Tree's Sean Biledeau is still waiting for the ground to freeze so he can cut the large trees in the cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00
The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Marston