

Harvard Historical Commission

Regular Meeting – Meeting room in the Old Library (Center on the Common)

Agenda - Wednesday Feb 6, 2013 at 7 PM

Members present: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Chris Cutler, Pam Marston, Barbara Hadad

Members Absent: Rhonda Sprague and John Martin

The meeting was brought to order at 7:04 pm

The minutes were read and approved as amended.

Town Hall Renovation

Chris let the commission know that the zoning board will meet next Wednesday, Feb 13, 2013 to discuss the Town Hall addition/renovation with the possibility of issuing a variance. He stated that the design is almost done. He reiterated that the old front entrance will not be used as such in the new design, something some of the HHC members were concerned about. The commissioners were also interested in the replacement windows, replicating the molding, the shiplap siding for the addition and replacing the siding on the original building. Ken felt that a discussion of the list of concerns, which was sent to the THBC, needs to happen shortly as an application can be presented and in 60 days HHC has to make a decision. We will meet with the THBC sometime. Chris will work on that.

Architect Candidate

HHC has held off on a press release regarding an architect appointment to the commission because we were looking to contact AIA first. They need to nominate a candidate. Pam will call Lindsay Shives to see whom we can contact. Ken sent a letter to Ron Ostberg to see if he knew other architects or someone in the AIA. Ken has not heard back.

HHC Website

There was a press release about the website Joe has created. He has had some communication with citizens via the website and we are starting to get comments from citizens about historical assets. Joe has created a website blog. We are all urged to sign up to follow the blog.

Historic House Marker Program

Pam and Barbara will have Grafax, in Ayer, produce a sample house marker to be placed on Ken's house on Fairbank Street in the center of town. It will get exposure there and perhaps create interest in the program. Home owners can fill out an application, we can approve it and after payment we can deliver the marker. Ken will ask Lorraine Leonard to put a checking account for this project on ATM Warrant for a vote.

Updates

Remove HHC records from Town Hall

Pam and Barbara spent two hours sorting through the HHC records housed in the town hall. There are two file cabinets and numerous boxes. They sorted and moved the contents of several drawers into labeled cartons. Items that can be thrown away are in a carton labeled as such as anything thrown away must be registered with the Commonwealth.

Shaker Burial Ground Tree Removal

The tall pine trees have been removed. Harvard Cemetery Commission asked Conservation Commission if they could remove the trees outside the burial ground walls.

Enhanced HHC process application form

There was no action on this. Ken has worked on the back. He will work on the front.

Shaker Spring House

Joe says that the Shaker Spring House is not an historical asset. The commission can give them some advice on what they might need to do to protect it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Marston

Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2013