

## Harvard Historical Commission

Regular Meeting, in the Fireplace Room in The Center on the Common (Old Library)

Minutes for Wednesday Evening June 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM

"Oversee modifications to the Harvard Common and Shaker Village Historic Districts in accordance with the state and local bylaws, and generally support historic preservation in Harvard."

### Attendance

Members present: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Pam Marston, John Martin and Chris Cutler

Architect member appointed by BoS but not sworn in: Ron Ostberg

Citizen interested in joining the board as Realtor representative: Sherry Graham

Citizen interested in joining the board: Moe Dancause

Audience: Carlene Phillips, Robert Hughes, Jack Spero, Pete Jackson, Marie Sobalvarro, Peter Warren, Marty Green, Mary Helan Turner and Tim Bragen

The meeting was called to order at 7:03

### Minutes

The commissioners approved the April minutes as presented and the May minutes as amended in other business.

### New member for Architect position

Ron was officially appointed last night at BoS. He will be sworn in as soon as possible.

### Public Hearing to review proposed Town Hall renovations and addition

Ken called for a roll call vote to start the public hearing at 7:20 pm. The vote was unanimous. Ken gave a presentation on the background of the historic district. Dreyton Fair, from LLB Architects, gave a brief history of the project. He presented a slide show of the exterior, interior, basement, parking and lighting. He described the window materials, the interior space set up, the handicapped ramp, the cupola and the roof composition choices.

Joe spoke about historical preservation per se and how that affects our discussion of the renovation.

The townspeople spoke of their individual concerns.

The public hearing was closed at 9:15pm.

Schedule next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2013 in order for the commission to discuss the latest drawings presented by LLB prior to the building committee meeting on Tuesday, June 11.

We did discuss when to hold special meetings regarding the Town Hall application. The proposal was to hold meetings on Wednesday evenings June 12 and 26.

HHC membership and annual election of officers

We will discuss the election of officers at the next meeting.

Due to time constraints the following were not discussed:

- a. Replacing damaged historic district sign on Ayer Road (pm, cc)
- b. Historic House Markers Program (pm, cc)
- c. Remove HHC records from Town Hall (pm)
- d. Shaker Cemetery Tree Removal (jt)
- e. Operating guidelines (jt)
- f. Enhanced HHC process application form (ks)

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Marston