

# Harvard Historical Commission

## Special Meeting

Location: The Center on the Common (Old Library)

Wednesday Evening June 19, 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."

Attendees: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Pam Marston, Ron Ostberg, Chris Cutler and John Martin

Audience: Carlene Phillips, Pete Jackson and Tim Bragen

Potential new member: Moe Dancause

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. The minutes of the June 12 meeting were read, changes were made and the minutes approved.

### Town Hall Renovation

Pete handed out emails from the architect explaining the rationale and iteration of the design as it has been proposed. Pete walked us through the various parts of the design. At the last meeting we had asked the architect for various views of the building with and without shutters, smaller panes in the windows and more windows in the addition. We looked at the various renderings. The discussion revolved around whether we are replacing an historic building or building a new addition. No decision was made.

We discussed the hip roof design as opposed to the gable roof shown thus far. Some members on the commission feel that here is no need for a gasket (window) if the addition is a replacement of an old building. On the entry side we would like to see the porch extended with columns and moved to the left away from the main building. We would like to see two sets (upper and lower) of three windows on the East and West sides. Some can be fake windows if necessary. One upper window on the West side is shown as larger and it could have a closed shutter if shutters are added. We feel shutters are an element of history, of functionality but now their value is purely aesthetic. We discussed the rounded tops of the windows (hoods) and the pane size. Commissioners would like to see a sketch showing the addition flush with the original building.

The group voted unanimously to ask the architect to present us with sketches describing these design elements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Next meeting will be next Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at the Old Library at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Marston