

# Harvard Historical Commission

## Special Meeting

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday Evening June 26, 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."

Members present: KenSwanton, Joe Theriault, Pam Marston, Ron Ostberg, Chris Cutler, John Martin

Audience: Carlene Phillips, Debbie Hinchliffe,

Potential members: Moe Dancause , Sherry Graham

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and changes made and approved.

### Discuss and Vote on Proposed Town Hall Renovations and Addition

Pete Jackson presented new sketches of the renovation. The various sections of the design were discussed and voted on:

#### Roof

The commission discussed the hip roof design. It adds complexity and echoes the appearance of the main building. A motion was made to use the gable roof design. The vote was 4 yea (Ken, Joe, Pam, Chris) to 2 nay (John and Ron) in favor of the gable roof.

#### Indentation

A motion was made that there be no indentation where the addition meets the original building. The vote was 3 yea (Ken, Joe, Pam) to 2 nay (Chris, John) in favor with 1 abstention (Ron).

#### Porch

The commission discussed the larger entry porch. A motion was made to approve the porch so that it is not connected to the quoins, to move the door off the edge of the building and to propose additional trim to connect to the original porch. There may be a reason for not moving the roof of the porch away from the original building, probably snow and rain removal. The motion carried, 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

#### Back of building

Some commissioners felt that the triangular vent is not a good shape given the other shapes on this side. The vent should be rounded or arched. The larger center window adds to the design and trim could enhance that even more. There is an upper and lower level hierarchy with the window trim design. The mullions should be 6 over 6 as that emphasizes verticality. A motion was made and passed unanimously.

#### East side

After a discussion of numbers of windows along the side it was decided that there should be 6 windows; three along the upper level and three along the lower. The vote was 4 Yea (Ken, Joe, Pam, Ron) and 2 Nay ( John, Chris).

#### Roof and Cupola Material

The Commission would like to see the proposed materials for the cupola and “slate” roof.

#### Shutters

Members discussed having shutters on the front but not the rest of the building. A vote was taken and the result was 3 Yea (Ken, Joe, Pam) and 3 Nay (Chris, John, Ron) so it did not pass.

#### Rails

Safety rails were not shown in the architect’s drawings but Pete let the commissioners know that Gabe Vallente will not grant a building permit without a safety barrier in place. There was some discussion about using planters and other methods to prevent patrons from stepping off the front steps into traffic.

#### Certificate of Appropriateness

The Commission can approve a certificate of appropriateness for the design as amended. The vote taken yielded a unanimous decision to approve. Members were asked to look over the certificate draft and give Ken any necessary feedback. If needed, the commission can meet on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 to approve any more changes to the certificate.

#### Commission Applicants

Moe Dancause and Sherry Graham have presented their applications for seats on the Historic Commission. They have attended several of our meetings as audience members. A motion was made, seconded and the commissioners voted unanimously to endorse them. They will appear before the BoS to be appointed on July 9, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is July 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Marston

Secretary