Harvard Historical Commission

Special Meeting

Location: Hildreth House

Wednesday Evening July 10, 2013 at 7:30 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."

HHC Members present: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Pam Marston, Ron Ostberg, John Martin, Chris Cutler (phone conference), Moe Dancause.

HHC Members absent: Sherry Graham

Meeting was called to order at 7:30

Town Hall Building Committee Members present: Pete Jackson, Tim Bragen, Eric Broadbent, Chris Cutler (phone conference)

Harvard Press: John Osborn, Carlene Phillips, Worth Robbins

BoS Members present: Marie Sobalvarro

Audience: Jack Spero

Architects: Drayton Fair and others

Town Hall renovations and addition/ Certificate of Appropriateness

Ken brought our draft ruling from June 26. Drayton went through the iterations of the designs and presented the latest revision consisting of elongation of the addition windows, panels under the windows, a large panel on the end of the building, an extended porch and the entry door moved to the left. HHC members gave their opinions of the various segments.

A motion was made by Ron: approve the most recent version where the corner windows are close to the corner, there are panels under the windows, there is a smaller window at the North end on the lower level, a large panel on the top level, the gasket window as proposed, an indentation of the foundation of the addition, two over two panes in the windows, a rectangular vent at the peak, a large rectangular panel in the middle of the upper level, door and windows at entry effectively mirror the other side, a single column supporting the entrance roof, corner boards at the corners of the addition. An amendment was proposed specifying that the detail on the porch could change. Vote was 5 yea (Ken, John, Ron, Joe, Chris) 1 nay (Pam).

Ken will amend the certificate as necessary. The letter to the access board will remain as is.

Annual Election of Officers

Ken agreed to remain as chair, Joe as vice chair, Pam as secretary. John accepted the position of CPC liaison. The vote was unanimous.

Other business

Propose to CPC that they pay to remove the pine trees outside the perimeter of the cemetery. This would be in coordination with Conservation Commission. Stumps would remain. There were three estimates. Flagg was the low bid.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Marston

Secretary