

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Minutes for Special Meeting

Location: Center on the Common, 7 Fairbank St., Upstairs Loft

Wednesday Evening Oct 15, 2014 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Attendees: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Ron Ostberg, Pam Marston, Sherry Graham, Moe Dancause and Chris Cutler

Audience: Paul Richards, member of the public and Lynn Cook, visiting our commission with the idea of becoming a volunteer.

Historic Commission Input on Town Hall Renovation

The certificate from last year is still applicable. If commission members think there are crucial things that need to be done they will come up with a list. Any response given is not a final decision. It is clear that this is early feedback and not a ruling. We will not do that until we have a final proposal and a public hearing. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Some items listed in the proposal are: the front chimney will be removed. Rear chimneys will be removed. The vote to allow for removal of chimneys was 6 Yea, Joe was Nay.

Questions the commission has on the architect's proposal:

Accessibility ramp: Commissioners want to know what LLB has planned for the front door and the elevator. The architects are suggesting emergency use only of the front door...again. This was proposed before. We need to see a drawing because LLB suggests using a side door for the main entrance. HHC members would like the front door to remain the main entrance.

Windows and siding: the historically correct windows with the right architectural fit were in the previous application and John Holland's recommendations and the bid documents.

Commissioners like the idea of new windows and the replacement of all the siding with cedar siding with an ogee mold (a bead) as is the siding now. Removing all the siding will allow for more ease of installation of insulation.

Cupola base: the suggestion from LLB is to remove it. Commissioners would like to keep it and restore it. It should be removed when the new roof is installed. It can be repaired and then replaced so that a replacement cupola can be added at a later date.

Gutter profile: Commissioners endorse Holland's' recommendation for gutters but want to OK how it looks, specifically the profile and color.

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Quoins: Monty Tech students could fabricate the damaged quoins with mahogany. Most are OK and can be restored. Exterior ornamentation needs to be restored or replaced if necessary.

Building envelope: A quality vapor barrier, air barrier and thermal insulation as described in the Holland Envelope Analysis is critical to the durability of the repair, which includes the walls, eaves, roof and basement. These are so important to the longevity of the exterior that they should be in the base bid, not as add or deduct alternates.

There was a discussion of the use of the interior by town employees; in general, where the various employee offices could be located. Since HHC does not have jurisdiction over the interior of historic buildings this was an internal discussion. Also, the commissioners feel that TH should remain as the center of government. The vote to approve this statement was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting: Nov 5, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Marston