

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Harvard Historical Commission is chartered "...to preserve and protect the historic assets of Harvard, its buildings, structures, places, sites, and surrounding settings of historical or architectural significance."

Following are the minutes for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, on May 6, 2015 at 7PM.

TOPICS:

TIME:

CALL TO ORDER At 7:05 pm the meeting was called to order

7:00

ATTENDANCE Joe Theriault, Moe Dancausee, Pam Marston, Chris Cutler, Ron Ostberg, Wendy Eldridge

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (April 1 meeting) approved

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

7:05

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS: Judy and Andy Warner have made an application to install solar panels on one of their outbuildings at 99 South Shaker Road, South Shaker Family Shop #1. The commissioners voted that the change is substantial. The vote was unanimous. The commission will be voting on this next month.

PUBLIC HEARING: 25 Fairbank Street: Application Review: Aron Clarke was at the meeting to describe the proposed house paint. He suggests that they paint the house green and a khaki color for the trim. The brackets will be red. A motion was made to accept all the colors except atrium white. The vote was unanimous.

ON-GOING BUSINESS :

- Status of Active Historic District Projects
 - Hildreth House Project (TBD): The HHC should assign a liaison to the project, maybe Rick. A volunteer group will put the windows in Hildreth House. The job was considered too small for any contractors.
 - Town Hall Restoration (RO): HHC feels that it should monitor expenditures on the restoration of TH. Lorraine will create an account to keep track of the money. THBC is in the middle of looking at purchasing pieces for the TH restoration. Jack G is our liaison from THBC. Ron wants to consider all restoration as historic. Ron will write a letter to Joe to describe how the commission looks at the project.
 - Bromfield Stone Wall (CC): Status. In progress but out of money. 130 feet was repaired for \$50,000
 - Powder House Door (MD): On Hold until Spring Fit the door in mid April. Garden club will plant plants around it. There is 8,000. Maybe we can finish the inside. We will go to the area and determine what is necessary.
 - Status of Action Items (See Action Item List)
 - Shaker cemetery has links on the website to show bios of those buried there.
 - Joe will take the action to change the guidelines about trees blocking views.
 - Joe talked with CPC about a motion of understanding about how to track funds for historic projects. \$29,000 is allotted by CPC for us to use in our reserve funds.
- Demolition delay by laws.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

- Administration Working Group (WG): Sharing Historical Commission electronic files. Status.
- Communications WG: Report on Administering Demolition Delay Bylaws, MHC Seminar Demolition by neglect.
- Community Preservation Cmte Liaison (PM) :
- Cemetery Comm Liaison (MD):
 - Report on Joint meeting w/Cemetery Comm, DPW: Cemetery maintenance
 - Report on Publication of draft Shaker Cemetery Burial Listing on HHC website
- Education & Training WG (WE): - Plans for making a public education program available for new commissioners to show newcomers the workings of the commission.
- Historic Districts WG - Report on developing Historic Properties layer on HarvardGIS (JT)
- Historic Properties WG
 - Local Register of Historic Places Program (JT): Status: Sally is transcribing all data into new database. Susan Lee is researching properties in town.
 - Historic House Marker Program (PM): Status: Nigzus and Clarke have applied for plaques.

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- Master Plan Steering Cmte Liaison (JT) :Master planner was fired.
- Membership Cmte (MD): New FY. Need to recruit more volunteers and one more Alt Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS:

- Schedule our annual review of the Harvard Historic District Design Guidelines perhaps this fall
- Preservation Award: HHC will talk about it in June
- Potential New Application: Hapgood Memorial Building (Old Harvard Public Library); Tim Bragan suggest that the town install a temporary ramp for the time the old library will be used as a temporary town hall.
- Warrant Article for Special Town Meeting: Will recommend Hildreth House and Bromfield House be in district
Motion is to recommend to selectmen that Bromfield and Hildreth House be included in historic district
- Definition of SUBSTANTIAL/INSUBSTANTIAL
- Landscaping improvements of Powder House Common (Discussion with Kathy Jackson, Rich Nota)

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

9:50

EXECUTIVE SESSION (NOT SCHEDULED)

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Marston