

# 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."*

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Following are the minutes for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, on June 3, 2015 at 7PM.

## TOPICS:

TIME:

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Theriault (JT), Moe Dancause (MD), Pam Marston (PM), Ron Ostberg (RO), Rick Veltri (RV), Sherry Graham (SG) Absent: Wendy Eldredge

**Audience:** Mark Sevigny and Mark Mikitarian (abutters to Warners)

Tim Bragan

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The commissioners approved the changes made to the May 6, 2015 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

7:05

**REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS:** 13 Massachusetts Avenue, 'Harvard Methodist Meeting House'; Robin/Andy Hu would like to install a gate on their front porch to close it in for the safety of their small child, add a screen door, seasonally, to the front door and replace the gutters. The commission will ask them if the new gutters will be significantly different from the current ones. The change will not be substantial if they are close to the same.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

7:45

- 99 South Shaker Road, South Shaker Family Shop #1, Install solar panel; Andy/Judy Warner would like to add solar panels to their barn roof. They already have freestanding solar panels on the property now. Rick worked with Andy on the application to ensure that any questions might be resolved before the meeting. Neighbors, Mark Sevigny and Mark Mikitarian, felt that they could endorse the project. The commissioners felt the project was in keeping with the solar policy in the Guidelines. The vote for appropriateness was unanimous.
- Thurows, potential owners on Woodchuck Hill Road, would like to put up a temporary garage. The commissioners discussed developing a policy on temporary items. Joe will give them formal advice and ask for their feedback.

## ON-GOING BUSINESS :

### Status of Active Historic District Projects

- 25 Fairbank St-painting has not begun
- 2 Littleton Rd PM will stay in touch with Steve
- Shaker cemetery\_gate: Scout, Pat Pesa, crafted the gate. Now Jeff Baer will drill the holes for the hinges. Then Boy Scouts will apply white stain to the fence.
- Hildreth House Project (TBD): Assign liaison.
- Town Hall Restoration (JT): on time, on budget we will review the reports that CPC gets from THCC
- Bromfield Stone Wall (CC): Status. In Work
- 5 Oak Hill Rd Janet Beatty – her project of a boundary fence has not been started.
- Powder House Door (MD): The In Progress Invoice was given to Tim Bragan. The discussion of how to protect the building against further damage continued with Ron suggesting the use of boulders to protect the building. They could be partially sunk. The vote was unanimous.
- Status of Action Items (See Action Item List)

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

- Administration Working Group (WG): Sharing Historical Commission electronic files. Status
- Communications WG:
  - A day with PBS at the Shaker Spring House, Sunday, April 19
  - Using Nextdoor Harvard to boost visitor activity

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- Community Preservation Cmte Liaison (PM) : Follow-up on the 5 Point Agreement. CPC heard from Joe about a 5 point agreement he has proposed. They did not vote on the proposal. They will have further discussions.
- 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 (no report)
- Education & Training WG (WE): - Planning stage.
- Historic Districts WG - Report on developing Historic Properties layer on Harvard GIS (JT) Joe described the process of creating a layer showing historic properties on Harvard GIS maps.
- Historic Properties WG
  - Local Register of Historic Places Program (JT): Status
  - Historic House Marker Program (PM): Status-all markers ordered by home owners have been processed and delivered. Chris provided the original ten blanks and he will make more to add to the inventory even though he will no longer be on the commission after June 1, 2015.
- Master Plan Steering Cmte Liaison (JT) : Status The committee itself will finish the elements (housing, etc)
- Membership Cmte (MD): New FY. Nominations are needed as Ron and Chris' terms will be up and they will not be renewing.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Schedule our annual review of the Harvard Historic District Design Guidelines Oct mtg
- Preservation Award – there was discussion of several potential recipients.
- Potential New Application: Hapgood Memorial Building (Old Harvard Public Library); install a temporary handicapped ramp to be used during the restoration of Town Hall.
- Year End review and note of gratitude to Chris Cutler and Ron Ostberg. Chris and Ron were thanked for all the work they had done on the commission during their terms. Both had extensive participation for a number of years during the Town Hall design process.

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

9:50

## EXECUTIVE SESSION (NOT SCHEDULED)

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2015

## ADJOURNMENT

10:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Marston, Secretary