

# TOWN OF HARVARD

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## MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE



**Meeting Minutes** – 6 January, 9:30-11:30, Town Hall Meeting Room

### **Attendees**

Peter Warren, Marie Sobalvarro, Pete Jackson, Lucy Wallace, Maggie Green, Ron Ostberg (chair, secretary), Carlene Phillips (visitor)

1. Minutes of the December 9<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved.
2. Responsibility for contacting various organizations and setting up meetings:
  - a. Peter Warren – Lion’s Club, Men’s Breakfast, Park & Rec
  - b. Marie – Planning Board, CPC, Finance Committee, League of Women Voters
  - c. Lucy – Churches
  - d. Historical Society – Maggie
  - e. Conservation Commission – Ron
  - f. Garden Club – Carlene
  - g. Library Trustees – Pete
3. Maggie to firm up analysis of Other Spaces, noting the reasons they can’t accommodate (efficiency and effectiveness) the following:
  - a. Recreation and dining for COA
  - b. Board and Commission meetings
  - c. Cultural Center spaces
4. Related subject that could be part of our report: Harvard’s civic center is characterized by small buildings surrounding a common space. Dedicating functions to buildings gives users the advantages of a ‘home’ as well as the opportunity for interaction – provided by the beauty and intimacy of the Common and the Center. Other communities, with a different physical structure might chose to distribute its functions differently.
5. Agreed to further substantiate our recommendations by describing citizens’ role as stewards of an extraordinary patrimony (open space, landscape, buildings, volunteer government and a tradition of service and philanthropy) we did not create, benefits from and is obliged to preserve and enhance for those who follow us.