

TOWN OF HARVARD

TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Meeting # 19 – 28 March 2013, 7:00PM Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendees:

Members: Peter Jackson, Eric Broadbent, Chris Cutler

1. Minutes

Meeting #18 meeting minutes were approved on a Cutler/Broadbent motion.

2. Approve Invoices

No invoices to approve.

There is an invoice from the commissioning agent, but we will wait until Mark Lanza has approved their terms and conditions. The commissioning agent has already begun analysis of Town Hall energy needs.

3. ZBA Meeting Review and Plan Response

The ZBA ruled against allowing a variance – they have until April 4th to submit their written decision. If we decide to pursue an appeal we would have until April 24th to do so.

The zoning bylaw change is up for vote at the Annual Town Meeting. If the bylaw change passes at Town meeting, an appeal process will not be necessary.

The Planning Board has voted to support the behind the bylaw change. Chris will coordinate with the Historical Commission to see if they want to issue a statement of support at ATM.

If the bylaw amendment passes at ATM, it then gets passed to the attorney general for approval.

A Broadbent/Cutler motion to support the petitioner's bylaw amendment was passed unanimously.

Pete will read a statement at ATM with specific wording to be finalized prior to ATM. Pete will coordinate with the petitioners when finalizing statement for ATM.

Bullet points to include in the statement are:

- The THBC is supportive of the general concept of the proposed bylaw change with amendments as supported by the petitioners
- Cost effective approach to renovation and/or addition to public buildings and aids in the preservation of historic town buildings
- Surrounding towns have adopted similar bylaws
- The original bylaw would have allowed for this sort of variance had it anticipated this situation

4. Other business

Next Meeting: TBD, prior to ATM.

Meeting adjourned on a Jackson/Cutler motion.

Rachel Holcomb

Approved