

WHDC
February 20, 2014

HDC members present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Alice Boelter, Chris Hagger, George Ives, Kathie Steinberg

(1) Public comment. Chris Hagger brought in a letter from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (now Historic New England) regarding the discussion (that took place about 20 years ago) about the color of Kirkside. This will be placed in the HDC file on Kirkside after copies are made of the letter for HDC members. Chris also mentioned the issue of the lights on the carriage sheds at the First Parish, which are particularly bright. This is an issue that he had brought up during the public hearing. There was a thought that perhaps the LED bulbs in the carriage shed lights could be changed to a softer tone. Gretchen will speak to her contact at the First Parish church.

(2) Minutes of January 16, 2014 were accepted with amendments. (6-0-0)

(3) An application was submitted by the First Parish (at 50 Cochituate Road) for the placement of two temporary signs for a period of up to two weeks which would announce their annual rummage sale (this year on April 5). The application indicated that they would use the existing signs that they have used for a number of years, “or replacements of no greater size.” After a lengthy discussion of temporary signs in the HD, there was a motion to accept the application with the stipulation that there would be a 5 year limit, after which they would need to reapply for the use of temporary signs. The vote to accept the application with the stipulation of a 5 year time limit received a unanimous, favorable vote. (6-0-0)

There will be a Warrant article for CPC funds to be spent on the carriage sheds at the First Parish, along with some exterior work to the church building. This led to a discussion of the possible need for a “means test” to determine whether the organization applying for CPC funds already had sufficient funds for the particular preservation project. The motion was made that the Historic District Commission appears as one of the sponsors for this CPC article in the Town Warrant. The vote was favorable with Chris and Alice voting in opposition; and Kathie, George, Margery and Gretchen voting in the affirmative. (4-2-0)

(4) Design Review Guidelines. HDC members were invited to choose items from the table of contents and take digital photos (from the public way) which could contribute to the Guidelines photo file which is being developed. Alice offered to take photos of “fences”. Once the snow is gone, others on the HDC indicated that they would be willing to choose items (chimneys, doors, dormers, fences, or foundations, etc.) that they would photograph. Draft wording for an additions policy, a door policy and a sign policy were distributed.

(5) There will be a joint Meeting with the WHDC, the WHC and the Wayland Historical Society on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 to discuss a Demolition Delay policy and the

railroad trail plan. This will serve as the HDC's March meeting, unless there is an HDC application. If there are no applications, the HDC will not meet on Thursday, March 20.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston