

# 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 from the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission in the Volunteer Room at the Town Hall, on January 4, 2017 at 7:00pm, as recorded by Ben Guthro

## TOPICS:

### CALL TO ORDER:

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Guthro, Pam Marston, Steve Nigus, Daria Swanton, David Vannicola

## TIME

7:03

## AUDIENCE:

Manny Lindo, local architect interested in joining Harvard Historical Commission

Jack Guswa, Rick Maiore Town Hall Construction Committee

## REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: APPOINT A NOTE TAKER:

Minutes approved as written from Dec 7.

Pam notes that she modified from David's original version, noting that she didn't bring the Native American maps.

Passes unanimously.

## Potential addition of Architect as board member:

Manny Lindo is introduced, and gave his architectural credentials (AIA, Licensed in CT)

He noted that he would not be able to join for few months yet (March/April)

Pam spoke about the steps necessary to get Manny on the board

## PUBLIC HEARING: None

## NEW APPLICATIONS: None

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## OTHER APPLICATIONS:

### Town Hall / Hildreth House Construction Committee

Rick Maiore, and Jack Guswa discussed what to do about the bulletin board outside town hall, that has been there since at least the '40s

Prior members felt that this should not be on the building

There was discussion about whether to cut the legs off, and mount it directly to the building.

Further discussion occurred after, about whether we wanted exactly that sign, or something else entirely. This would have been a project that there was no money for – so the line of inquiry was ultimately dropped.

After some discussion about how the town is legally required to post the town warrant **somewhere** – a motion was put forth to put the sign / bulletin board back on the building (with or without legs, at the installer's discretion)

The motion passed unanimously.

### Bromfield Wall

CPC received notice of \$80,000 approval for wall repair. They have since upped this to \$100,000 – since the unrepaired portion of the wall will need to be moved toward the library parking lot, to make room for sidewalks.

- No action necessary at this time
- Pam to take a photo of the broken Bromfield wall, on the Cemetery side, and ask Parks & Rec about it.

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## **ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

### **Native American Maps Presented**

Pam brought in the maps of Native American sites in Harvard. It was discussed how all sites are not under the purview of the HHC. Pam will look for other groups who may be interested in them (possibly Fruitlands, or Trustees of the Reservation)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:**

Steve reported on his findings of where the photos of historic buildings ended up. He reports that these are currently with Joe Therriault, on his camera & laptop. He spoke with Joe, who would be happy to turn them over to us – but currently we have no way to receive them.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** February 1, 2017

**Meeting Adjourned**

**7:35**