

## **HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

13 AYER ROAD • HARVARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01451



*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 for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission held in the Large Meeting Room at the Town Hall, on **July 18, 2018** at 7:00pm. Submitted by George Triantaris, Secretary.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Pam Marston (Chair)  
David Vannicola (Vice Chair)  
George Triantaris (Secretary)  
Steve Nigzus  
Emanuel Lindo

**MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA:** Aron Clarke

**AUDIENCE:** Applicants and related parties – see below

### **TOPICS:**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

**7:00**

**RESIGNATION:** Daria Swanton has resigned as a commissioner as of July 17, 2018 because she is moving out of Harvard.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of June 27, 2018 meeting approved unanimously, Manny Lindo abstained

**PUBLIC HEARING:** (None)

**NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED:** Non Applicability to HCC to reset tombstones in Center Cemetery

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

1. Richard Cummings, change color of house

15 Mass Avenue. Application to change color to historic color. Structure was built as a barn and converted to a house. Samples provided. Motion made and unanimously approved to treat this as a substantial change requiring a hearing.

2. Dan DiRocco, various changes including color

24 Fairbank Street. Application to change color of house to historic color. Replace roofing with red cedar shingles. Replace existing 9 vinyl windows on front of house with divided-light wood windows. Add copper gutters. Replace 2 light fixtures. Replace roof of bay window with copper sheathing. Alterations discussed and drawings examined. Owner asked to bring samples and pictures. Motion made and unanimously approved to treat application as substantial change requiring a public hearing.

3. Carl Sciple, add solar array

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23 Fairbank Street. Application to add solar panels to roof of house. Panels would cover most of front roof and part of back roof. Owner had first preferred barn as site for panels but was told by engineer that house would be better. Commissioners expressed some concern about the panels on the house and suggested another company that might have a different opinion about the barn. Motion made and unanimously approved to treat this as a substantial change requiring a hearing.

4. Erin Sullivan, addition to home

5 Littleton Road. Application for renovation of existing "ell" and addition. John Kelly (architect) represented home owner and reviewed plans which attempt to visually tie addition to existing house. Will maintain current color scheme (house and ell are painted different colors). Reviewed materials for roof and windows. Discussed impact of addition from street. Motion made and unanimously approved to treat this as a substantial change requiring a hearing.

5. Suzanne Buchanan, Historic New England, preservation restriction of Houghton House,

204 West Bare Hill Road. Owner (Karla Pearlstein) requested that HHC approve a preservation restriction agreement between owner and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Robert Adam described the restoration process undertaken over the last 10 years. Carissa Demore of SPNEA discussed the owner's desire to preserve certain aspects of the interior and exterior of the structure and how a preservation restriction agreement works. There was a discussion that verified absence of liability or responsibility of the town for enforcing or monitoring the restrictions. After concluding that it is in the best interest of the town to preserve this historic structure as desired by the owner, the commissioners unanimously endorsed the agreement which will be referred to the select board for signature.

**ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (None)

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dan Ferguson re letter to Sec of State for support of refurbishing of former post hospital in Devens. Clear Path for Veterans of New England is seeking Historic Tax Credits, which are necessary for completion of their construction plans. Motion to approve letter from HHC chair to Sec of State approved by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:**

**Monument Committee** (DV)

**CPC** (PM)

**Cemetery Commission** (DS)

**Demolition Delay Committee** (GT,PM)

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Aug 8, 2018

**DOCUMENTS:**

Applications reviewed above

Letter of resignation from Daria Swanton dated July 17, 2018

Letter to Sec of State from HHC Chair supporting hospital restoration in Devens dated July 18, 2018

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:29**