

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Following are the minutes for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission held at Hildreth House, on Wednesday, **January 9, 2019** at 7pm. Submitted by George Triantaris, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam Marston (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice Chair)
George Triantaris (Secretary)
Steve Nigzus
Emanuel Lindo
Aron Clarke
Richard Cabelus

AUDIENCE: Applicants listed below

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER:

7:04

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of November 29, 2018 meeting reviewed and unanimously approved

PUBLIC HEARING: none

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED:

Pam reported on the following applications that were approved as Non Applicable Changes:
Non Applicability for Carl Sciple, 23 Fairbank Street, to replace, in kind, a window on barn.
Non Applicability for Ralph Macey, 5 Oak Hill Road, new shingles, in kind, on main house and detached garage.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

New applications were reviewed:

1. Ralph Macey, 5 Oak Hill Road, solar panels on southern exposure of garage.
Ralph Macey and Frances Moyle's application shows the plan to add solar panels on the southern roof of the garage. There were pictures showing the placement of the garage on the lot and the proposed location of the panels. A similar project was approved by the HHC some years ago. It is the HHC's preference that solar panels be placed on secondary structures if possible. By unanimous vote it was decided that this is a substantial change that requires a public hearing.
2. Scott Hayward, 1 Still River Road, new fire escape for General Store
Scott Hayward presented an application regarding the exterior fire escape stairway on the side of the Harvard General Store building that was replaced by the film crew last fall as part of the "Little Women" filming project. Scott presented the application at the request of the owner of the property and Columbia Pictures (which executed the change). Several commissioners pointed out that the application should have been filed before the work was done, not after. The application is very brief and needs to include more information including the materials used, how the design for the stairs (which differ considerably from the prior stairs) was developed, and plans to paint or stain. By unanimous vote it was decided that this is a substantial change that requires a public hearing. It was noted that notice would be to the entire district as this is a commercial property.

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3. Scott Hayward, 5 Elm Street, addition to north side of residence.

Scott Hayward presented an application to make changes to the north and west façade of his residence. He discussed his overall goals of replacing parts of the building that were poorly constructed, providing a more unified appearance to the structure, improving its ability to shed water and ice, reducing the size of dated decks and increasing the size of the interior. The north and west facades are visible from public streets (Elm Street and Lover's Lane). Scott is not ready to proceed with a public hearing as he is waiting for more detailed drawings and information on materials. It was agreed between the applicant and the HHC that the 60 day decision period would be waived as Scott is not ready to proceed at this time. He will inform the HHC when he is ready to schedule the project for a public hearing (likely March), understanding that HHC will need time to mail notice. By unanimous vote it was decided that this is a substantial change that requires a public hearing and that the 60 day decision period would be waived.

ON-GOING APPLICATIONS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Preservation of town records CPC funded \$25,635

By unanimous vote the HHC endorsed the request for funding to preserve town records.

2. HHC handbooks and how to do production

Manny and Pam will explore developing a notebook to be given to new commissioners containing relevant policies and documents.

3. Discuss posting HHC applications on our website (PM)

Applications will be posted on the HHC website in a folder with the name and address of applicant to make it easier to reference applications.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. Devens jurisdiction discussion (RC)

Richard presented draft recommendations regarding the November 2018 memo from the Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee asking for input on the possible resumption of jurisdiction over Devens. Map showing location of existing historical district was examined. Draft memorandum was reviewed and will be discussed further at future meeting.

2. Application to Mass Historical for Herb House (EL)

Commissioners unanimously endorsed the plan to proceed with an application for up to \$10,000 from MHC to develop a preservation road map for the herb house, together with a possible warrant for town vote for matching funds.

3. Stonewall project and acquisition strategy

Manny presented a project schedule with regard to funding and executing the construction of the next section of the stone wall along Massachusetts Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee (DV)

CPC (PM) Bromfield field hockey field construction, plant trees on Pond Road for those removed, ConCom money for land purchases.

Cemetery Commission

Demolition Delay Committee (GT) and (PM)

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2019

MEETING ADJOURNED:

8:42



DOCUMENTS:

Applications, stonewall project schedule, and Devens map, materials, and draft memorandum