

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Following are the **minutes** for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at Hildreth House, on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7pm**. Submitted by George Triantaris, Secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

7:00

TOPICS:

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of February 6, 2019 meeting reviewed and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED:

Kate Guthro: 13 Fairbank Street, Feb 28, 2019, non-applicability certificate issued for new roof, in kind, on barn shed.

NEW APPLICATIONS: None

ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:

Scott Hayward, 5 Elm Street addition to residence on hold. Owner requests that public hearing be held during HHC May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion to revise instructions and applications for certificates. Instructions and application reviewed and changes suggested. Draft will be edited by George and circulated before the April meeting for further discussion.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. Devens jurisdiction discussion (RC)

Richard has connected with Weymouth project representative. He did not offer much in the way of guidance for the Devens project.

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2. HHC handbook, what should be included and how to do production

Manny reviewed draft index of materials to be included in the handbook, Pam added guidelines to share with new commissioners. Book to be completed by August. Several commissioners to help.

3. Signs for town hall, Hildreth House and fire station (PM)

Pam reported on new signs that do not follow the guidelines HHC was asked to draft.

4. Demolition delay discussion (GT)

George reviewed a summary of the Mass bylaw and bylaws adopted by surrounding towns. Generally, the conclusion was that while the intent of the bylaw (to delay demolition of historically important structures) was commendable, the bylaw does not seem to be effective in providing alternate outcomes. There was a conversation about whether to report to the Select Board (who asked for the bylaw to be drafted as part of the masterplan) that HHC does not recommend such a bylaw for Harvard, or propose a version for Harvard that would decrease the length of the delay and increase the bar for a structure being considered significant. It was decided to draft such a bylaw and forward it the Select Board by a vote of 4 in favor (Pam, George, Richard and David) to 3 against (Steve, Manny and Aron). George will draft a bylaw for review at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sydney Blackwell notice of Indigenous ceremonial landscapes lecture June 18, Volunteer Hall, Library 6:30-8:30

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee (DV) Committee is working on WWII memorial and determining criteria for listing veterans. It was also noted that Devens monuments may come under Harvard jurisdiction at some point.

CPC

Cemetery Commission

Demolition Delay Committee (GT) and (PM) See above.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2019

MEETING ADJOURNED:

8:26

DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence from Scott Hayward, demolition delay analysis, HHC handbook draft index, Application for Certificate and instructions