

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 is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, on November 4, 2015 at 7PM.

TOPICS:

TIME

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 7:05

7:00

ATTENDANCE (Appoint Alternate Commissioners as necessary) Joe Theriault, Sherry Graham, Pam Marston, Moe Dancause, Scott Roy, David Vanicolla, Rick Veltry, Ab Wendy Eldredge

Wendy Cote-Magan, candidate for Commission Architect

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (October 7 meeting) The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

7:05

NEW APPLICATIONS: Karen Rahman, at 15 Littleton Road, Unit 4A: Karen would like to replace a basement window with a door for egress. The Commissioners discussed that the home is a non contributing property and therefore is non applicable. A motion was made stating that the application be declared non applicable. The vote was unanimous.

CPC PROJECT ENDORSEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: (Review Applications on DISTRICT RESIDENTS' PAGE)

7:15

- 13 Mass Ave, Harvard Methodist Meeting House, Andy and Robin Hu; Owners would like to repair the gutters on the house, repaint it and replace the porch decking,
- They would like to repaint the house a pale yellow with the shutters a deep green and the trim an off white as already granted in the new garage application. The plan is to remove gutters totally and put a French drain in along the driveway since it will be repaved with the building of the new garage. Samples of composite decking were shown to the Commissioners and a discussion of the decking indicated that replacing old wood with new wood here might present a hardship involving repainting of the decking more frequently as the porch is close to the roadway and is subject to salt and sand damage during the winter months. Scott suggested using a narrower board than was presented at the meeting. One that is approximately the width of the original wood planking, 5 inches. It is available. The skirt for front of the porch is a problem as well. The Commissioners are looking for a composite that looks like real wood. This hearing will be continued in order to look at different samples of decking. The vote to continue the hearing on Dec 2 at 7:15 was unanimous.
- The vote on removing the gutters and the paint change was unanimously in the affirmative.
- 27 Oak Hill Rd, Daniel Van Schalkwyk: build a shed
The property is non contributing as it is not old enough. The application was modified to replace the vinyl siding with cedar tongue and groove boards. Dan presented to the Commission that he is proposing to build a shed on the property. A motion was made to accept the motion as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CHAIR'S TIME: Not scheduled. There was a discussion of what to consider regarding our by law. The Interior Department has approx 10 laws. The Commissioners were urged to familiarize themselves with our regulations.

Correspondence: No report.

ON-GOING BUSINESS :

- Status of Applications: See Applications Status List (RV) refer to spreadsheet
- Status of Action Items: See Action Item List (MD)
 - Ask Janet about town records restoration. What are future requests and timelines?
 - Delete item 10.
 - Discussion of various other items.
 - Regarding expanding the Historical District: will send a report to Mass Historical Society re district

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

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- Administration Working Group (JT):
 - P&P Review/Approve:
 - Policy to determine Non-Applicability, Substantiality; Review/approve 3.2.4.3.4.1-2 (Moe voted in the negative, others approved)
 - Review/approve P&P page 11; 3.2.3 Preserve historic assets paragraphs= description of assets and threats etc. 3.2.3.2.2.2. designating historic assetsA motion to approve the text on pg 11 was unanimously in favor.
- Post-BOS briefing on FY2016 operations; Submit FY2017 Budget Request; Finance Cmte next.
- Status of Historical Commission CPC Projects; presented projects to CPC on Weds, Oct 14
- Policy review: Endorsing CPA grants: read blog posting "SHOULD WE INVEST CPA FUNDS ..."
- Status: Warrant articles to protect Bromfield and Hildreth Houses: Status
- Communications WG: Status. Scott Roy coming on as Contributor
- Community Preservation Cmte Liaison (PM) : Status;
- Cemetery Comm Liaison (MD): Status. Report to Cemetery Comm on CPC Project?
- Education & Training WG (WE): Status of our planning and organizing activity.
- Historic Districts WG: Status
 - Review of the Harvard Historic District Design Guidelines, pp 13-14, "PRESERVATION GUIDELINES". Review the guidelines pp 13-14
- Historic Properties WG: Status
 - Local Register of Historic Places Program (JT): Status, not discussed
 - Historic House Marker Program (PM): Status, not discussed
 - Fading Harvard: 105 Stow Road, Farwell- Edward Houghton House, 87 Ayer Road; Coolidge House, not discussed
- Master Plan Steering Cmte Liaison (JT) : Status, not discussed
- Membership Cmte (MD): The Commissioners welcomed Scott Roy as our newest member.

Wendy Cote-Magan was nominated as the Architect commissioner. Wendy introduced herself to us giving us an overview of her years in Harvard and her professional achievements. A motion was made to accept Wendy as our new member. The vote was unanimously in favor. Her nomination will be sent to the BoS for approval. We will have a complete team again!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Maintenance of the Common; Top of the Common; Christmas Tree lighting; There was a discussion about whether the Commission should communicate with the Park & Rec Commission regarding the lights on the Christmas tree on the Common. There was a huge furor over the design of the lights on the tree last year. There had been squirrel damage to the lights and new lights were hung on the tree. Many Harvard residents were not In favor of the new look. Instead of roping the lights around the tree from left to right, they were roped vertically from top to bottom.
- Realtors: How can we be sure that realtors selling properties within historic districts properly inform their clients as to the status of their historic homes? There was a form created by past realtors that was intended to be given to new home owners in the districts. It could be mailed to all residents of the districts letting home owners know their house is in an historic district.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME: (To exchange ideas, concerns, items of interest, and problems)

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

9:50

EXECUTIVE SESSION (NOT SCHEDULED)

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2015;

ADJOURNMENT

10:00

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STATUS OF APPLICATIONS

- ✓ 13 Mass Ave, Andy & Robbin Hu: **In Work**
- ✓ 99 South Shaker Road South Shaker Family Shop #1, Warner (RV): **Done**
- ✓ 25 Fairbank Street, K.M. Bigelow House, Clarke (MD) : **Starting Spring 2016.**
- ✓ 2 Littleton Road, Whitney House, Nigzus/Triantaris (PM): **In Work**
- ✓ Town Hall, THCC (JT): **In Work;**
- ✓ 5 Oak Hill Road, Atherton – A. R. Willard House, Beatty (JT): **Done**
- ✓ Powder House, HHC (MD): **In Work**
- ✓ Hildreth House, THCC (DV): **In Work**

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Marston