

# 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 for the regular meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, on April 1, 2015 at 7PM.

## TOPICS: TIME

### CALL TO ORDER

7:00

**ATTENDANCE** Joe Theriault, Pam Marston, Moe Dancause, Rick Veltri, Chris Cutler, Sherry Graham Absent: Ron Ostberg, Wendy Eldridge

Audience: COA applicant Steve Nigzus, Residents: Aron Clark, Pat Jennings, Heather Morton

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** (March 4 meeting) Minutes were accepted as unanimous with a change of the spelling of "project".

### PUBLIC COMMENTARY

#### Applications:

7:05

Aron Clarke appeared before the board with questions about changing the color of his house. He would like to paint it either green or beige. The trim would be brown possibly. A public hearing is needed as the vote taken concluded that it is a substantial change.

Judy and Andy Warner would like to put solar panels on a shed. Rick will work with them on this project. They already have free standing solar panels on the property which were voted a substantial change at the time of application. The commissioners discussed whether the new panels would be visible from the road. Several photos, taken by Joe, showed they would be visible. Rick will get back to them regarding the concern that the planned shed might be an authentic Shaker shed.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing 1: 2 Littleton Road: Application Review for shutters, fence and gutters

Steve Nigzus was present to describe to the commissioners his plans for new shutters (the old ones had lead paint), new gutters and a granite fence with railings to be put up behind the telephone building to mark his property. Heather Morton, a neighbor across the street, was not sure she liked the granite fence because it will be different from the current fences. She is considering buying the property on the other side of the telephone building and may become an abutter.

The commissioners decided that the shutters, gutters and fence were all appropriate. The vote was unanimous.

### PRIORITY BUSINESS: Lessons-Learned (Town Hall Application)

The commissioners discussed the process, so far, in the Town Hall application. It has been going on for two years with several major "hic ups." Our part in the project will be to oversee historic preservation along the way.

### ON-GOING BUSINESS :

#### Status of Open Applications

- Hildreth House Project (TBD): Need project liaison.
- Bromfield Stone Wall (CC): Status. On Hold until Spring
- Powder House Door (MD): On Hold until Spring

#### Status of Action Items (See Action Item List)

Powder House:

The town received \$24, 900 from the insurance company. The bricks and material were purchased and the brick layer was paid for rebuilding the powder house. The balance left in the account is \$9,542.25. The plan is to use \$1500 for rebuilding the door and replacing the hardware. Robert Adam will be in charge of that aspect of the project. That leaves about \$8000

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left to possibly finish off the inside and place some sort of protective barrier above the powder house. Moe and Ron will come up with a plan for that last part.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Administration Working Group (WG): Sharing Historical Commission electronic files. Status. Drop box use.

### Communications WG:

-Report on Administering Demolition Delay Bylaws, MHC Seminar, Framingham, 19 Feb 10-2PM

Historic Districts WG - Report on Warrant Article to update district maps (JT) The article passed easily at ATM.

### Historic Properties WG

-Local Register of Historic Places Program (JT): Status we need one license for software for database

-Historic House Marker Program (PM): A number of historic district homeowners have purchased

### Membership Cmte (MD):

-Need to recruit more volunteers and one more Alt Commissioner

### Cemetery Comm Liaison (MD):

-Report on Joint meeting w/Cemetery Comm, DPW: Cemetery maintenance

-Report on Publication of draft Shaker Cemetery Burial Listing on HHC website

Community Preservation Cmte Liaison (PM) : Report on Appeal for creating reserve CPC fund for HHC

Should know what is in our account. Art 27. draft a memorandum of understanding between our two committees. Money for preservations restrictions.

Master Plan Steering Cmte Liaison (JT) : Delivery of draft Master Plan imminent. Joint mtg May 9 on consultant

## NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule our annual review of the Harvard Historic District Design Guidelines

Preservation Award idea to highlight a resident or property who/that represents the epitome of historical preservation.

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

### EXECUTIVE SESSION (NOT SCHEDULED)

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2015

## ADJOURNMENT

9:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Marston