

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 special meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Hildreth House on February 18, 2015 at 7PM.

TOPICS:

TIME

CALL TO ORDER

7:00

ATTENDANCE: Joe Theriault, Moe Dancause, Ron Ostberg, Pam Marston, Wendy Eldredge, Sherry Graham, Chris Cutler.

AUDIENCE: THCC Team: Rick Maiore, Jack Guswa, Pablo Carbonell, Laura Andrews, R. Drayton Fair, AIA, LLB architect, Town Admin; Tim Bragan, Marie Sobalvarro; BOS Liaison: Ken Swanton, Public: Jack Spero.

The THCC addressed the HHC's issues for the Town Hall. There are 19 areas of concern.

The plan is to go through all the issues.

There was a discussion on how many downspouts there will be (the architect says 4, the Town Administrator says 6.)

There was a question about the design of the cornice-gutter-soffit detail. The drawings did not show the end detail. THCC took an action to prepare a drawing that shows the detail of the cornice-gutter-soffit detail at the return of the eaves in the front elevation.

The tower base will look like the original base except that the hatch on top will be removed and the top of the tower base will be solid and an integral part of the building roof.

There was some disagreement on the THCC team regarding the dimension of the gutter downspouts: 3" vs 5".

The window to be installed when the fire escape is removed is a full window.

The material of the doors on pg 8 r3 will be a mahogany door. The D1 door for side entry will be a hollow metal door with insulation.

Commissioners questioned the material of the new ramp, posts, and railings. The ramp will be concrete, posts granite and railings metal.

There will be regular gutters on the rear portico with a downspout on one of the pillars.

New lightning rods will be installed in the same places as the old ones.

THCC will get a sample of the roofing shingle when a contractor is chosen.

The gutters are copper and coated with zinc.

There will be no soffit vents. The existing soffit vents will be replaced with soffits without vents.

The gutter of the current portico will be replaced.

The Commission questioned whether the grade around the west and north sides of the Town Hall would be lowered. The Menders report indicates that the existing grade has been raised over time to cover the foundation which allows the siding of the building to be exposed to

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surface water. The Town Administrator said that the grounds had been reworked and none of the wood is exposed to surface water.

The windows in the foundation will be removed and filled in with granite. Window wells will not be repaired. They will be filled in.

There was a question about the envelope and the vapor barrier. THCC committed to describing the plan for the building envelope later.

Ron moved to consider the Town Hall restoration work as described by the THCC to be appropriate except for the cornice-gutter-soffit design and ramp design which will be taken up by an ad-hoc subcommittee established by the Commission and the THCC. The vote was unanimous to accept.

The THCC will advise the HHC if any changes are made to the design. If so, a second special meeting of the HHC will be scheduled to consider those changes.

The public hearing was continued until the next meeting of the Commission to finalize the two open issues regarding the ramp design and the cornice-gutter-soffit return design.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

March 4, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

10:00

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Marston, Secretary