

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 in the Volunteer Room at the Town Hall, on October 4, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Items in red require a vote

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER:

7:03

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Nigzus
George Triantaris
Daria Swanton
Aaron Clarke

Pam Marston (Secretary)
Emanuel Lindo
Ben Guthro (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice-Chair)

MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA:

AUDIENCE:

War Memorial Restoration Committee (John Lee, Jon Schoenberg)
Library Building Committee (Ken Swanton, Lucy Wallace and Wendy Cote-Megan)
Interested citizen Debbie Hinchliffe

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The previous minutes were approved unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING: (None)

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED: (None)

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ON-GOING APPLICATIONS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 2019 CPC Request for Funding

Herb house survey: HHC will fill out the CPC application for next year's funding for \$3000 to hire a restoration expert to look at the herb house. It has had little maintenance for many years. The vote was unanimous in favor. Manny will fill out the form.

Old Library Accessibility Committee:

Ken, Lucy and Wendy noted that the OLAC has applied for grants to create an accessible access to the building. The committee also asked CPC for \$50,000 to contribute to building a ramp to the new front door. HHC must endorse it. There was a discussion of the ramp. Some felt that the architect's rendition was not compatible with the architecture of the building and needed to be redesigned. Manny will follow up with Wendy on the design to work out the differences.

Motion made to support the Old Library proposal to ask for CPC funds. The Commission unanimously agreed to endorse.

2. War Memorial Restoration Committee

Restoring the WWI monument (base and flagpole on the common).

Jon, John Lee and David were here. The Charter of the Restoration committee is to restore the monuments in town. Jon described some of the various soldiers and seamen from WWI. The 100th anniversary is upcoming this Nov 11. The WWI monument is in the National Registry of WWI centennial memorials. The Committee hopes to have the work completed by Memorial Day 2018. (There are town supporters of this project raising money to be matched by a

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grant.) They submitted an application and received a \$2,000 matching grant. The flag pole will be stripped and repainted, the plaques cleaned and a new cast concrete base (aggregate) created. The restoration committee has requested that CPC fund \$17,500 for the project. The HHC vote to support the WWI restoration project was unanimous.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. First Herb House brush clearing (PM) All brush cleared and trees down.
2. Bromfield wall rebuild (PM) After some discussion of the bidding process the commission voted to reject all bids. Two members abstained, Manny and David. The Commission felt that the RFP did not include asking for references from previous customers and experience with stone walls, preferably three walls and some examples of projects in the form of pictures, making choosing a bid risky.
3. HES Applicability to HHC (BG)
The Commission discussed a warrant article text crafted by Tim Bragan. Ben had talked with Tim about the map for the Harvard Center district. It was clarified that the HES today is outside the district. If another building is built and it overlaps the district it is exempt from historic district regulations. The Commissioners voted to reject the article as written. Ben abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phone-call with Ken Swanton with regard to CPC library funding (BG) Selectmen and Wendy visited to discuss the Old Library railing.
2. Carl Sciple: regarding barn windows (PM) He is adding storm windows instead of replacing windows.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee (DV)
CPC (PM) Informational next week.
Cemetery Commission (DS)
Demolition Delay Committee (PM) The members have not met.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY John Lee noted that someone from town had submitted a lowest bid for the wall but it was rejected because one of the required forms was missing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Nov 1, 2017

Meeting Adjourned

8:35