

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 Dec 6, 2017 at 7:00pm.

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01. Pam was late so Daria took minutes until she arrived.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

George Triantaris
Daria Swanton
Pam Marston (Secretary)

Emanuel Lindo
Ben Guthro (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice-Chair)

MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA: Steve Nigzus and Aaron Clarke

AUDIENCE: John Lee and Jon Schonenberg

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes were voted in favor unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL 11/06 MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: (None)

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED: (None)

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ON-GOING APPLICATIONS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: Ben discovered an application from Carl Sciple asking about replacing windows. Pam will call Carl.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. Bromfield wall rebuild (EL) Manny reported that he and Pam had met with the construction company owner and project manager to discuss the project. The purchase of the granite tops is holding up the timeline. They are to send a project schedule to Manny outlining the timeline. As of yet, no schedule has surfaced.
2. Historic District Signage (EL) Not discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mark Mikitarian - MCFF grant support letter-Mark wrote a letter asking that the commission support asking for the grant. Ben did write a letter to that effect.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee (DV)

The WWI monument committee was approved to receive a \$2000 grant and the amount has been matched by donors. Jon appeared for the WWI monument committee. The committee would like to keep the character of the monument. They discussed two approaches: Repair of the stonework that exists or replacement of the collar with a 3.5 sq ft block. The original collar will be replaced with granite of a like color. The middle piece will also be replaced. The old items were cast stone (cement).

There was a discussion as to whether the project was insubstantial or substantial. The commission voted that the project was insubstantial and hence could be voted on, after alerting abutters, next month.

Pam will send out letters to the abutters advising them of the next meeting to discuss the project.

The WWII monument committee is thinking of making a brass plaque of names for that monument. There was a wooden box

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with the names of WWII Harvard service members but it was removed years ago. There will be more discussion on that project later.

CPC (PM) We will be submitting an application to CPC for repairs to the herb house.

Cemetery Commission (DS) The grave of first minister needs repair. A church member spoke to Pam about wanting to repair a fence surrounding the grave. Some of the fence is missing, some is damaged. Daria will contact John Lee of HCC.

Demolition Delay Committee (PM) State has changed the timing on demolition.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Jan 3, 2018

Meeting Adjourned 8:02

Pamela Marston
Secretary