

# HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

13 AYER ROAD • HARVARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01451



*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 Volunteers Room at the Town Hall, on Feb 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.

## TOPICS:

### CALL TO ORDER:

7:00

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

George Triantaris  
Daria Swanton  
Aron Clarke  
Pam Marston (Secretary)

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

### MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA:

**ATTENDEES:** Bill Scanlon and Erin McBee

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes were approved as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** (None)

**NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED:** (None)

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**ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:**

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Town Center Sidewalks:

Bill presented an existing picture of the town center showing where planned sidewalks could go. The grant he has written can cover up to \$400,000. HHC needs to decide what material we want; concrete or asphalt. Concrete looks very nice but it is more expensive and we already have asphalt for the other sidewalks in town. The project will not remove any old material if it is in good condition. What is most historical? That question will be researched.

The sidewalk project will not be changing any of the roads in the town center.

Several questions were put forth;

a. Could Harvard receive another grant next year if we needed to repair more sidewalks? (Any construction project on Ayer Road now requires that a sidewalk be installed at that property.)

b. Are there any trees that are in the way of current sidewalks or possible new ones? If there are, the sidewalk could go around the trees.

Bill will send us some more info so that we can make a decision next month. We will look at other towns to see what materials are used.

### ON-GOING BUSINESS:

#### 1. Bromfield wall rebuild (EL)

The contractor sent a schedule but they did not follow it. We will get a revised schedule hopefully. Manny will contact them.

#### 2. Historic District Signage (EL)

The commissioners discussed the sign changes that Manny suggested. The commission asked him to add the changes to the design guidelines when they were complete and voted on. Pam will ask Joe for a word copy of guidelines. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**None

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

**Monument Committee** (DV) The committee met Jan 18 and reviewed 3 proposals for WWI and flagpole repair. Regonini-Zoll Memorials was the lowest bidder at \$14,800 plus \$3800 for the removal of the old material. The group discussed how to establish the requirements for including names on the monument. Ideas were: include all veterans living in town currently and those who were living in town at the time of their death.

The committee discussed participating in a podcast with *100 Cities 100 Memorials*.

The WWII memorial is being sketched by a designer, Jesse Panik. The design will be reviewed before securing an estimate.

**CPC** (PM) Articles for ATM were prepared and finalized.

**Cemetery Commission** (DS)None

**Demolition Delay Committee** (PM)None

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Mar 7, 2018

**Meeting Adjourned 8:45**

Pamela Marston  
Secretary