

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 June 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER:

7:00

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Nizus
George Triantaris
Daria Swanton
Emanuel Lindo

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

AUDIENCE: Marc Sevigny, applicant for certificate

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes for the May meeting were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: (None)

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED: (None)

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ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:

1. 74 Shaker Road, Harvard, MA

Marc Sevigny filed an application for certificate to stain his light grey barn a dark grey color and paint his yellow garden shed the same dark grey color. He was granted a certificate last year to stain his attached garage the dark grey color.

Application Type: Certificate of appropriateness
The commissioners unanimously approved the application.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. **Officer recognition:** Ben presented Pam with a basket of flowers, a bottle of wine and sample chocolates in appreciation of her tenure as acting chair of the commission. (Someone knew her passion and two vices)
2. **Annual member appointments**
3. Pam and Daria's terms expire June 30 but they have both renewed their appointments by letting Julie Doucet know of their interest in continuing on the board.
4. **First Herb House brush clearing:** Conservation Commission has determined that brush clearing at the Herb House shall not exceed 8 feet around the perimeter of the building due to the fact that the building sits in a designated wetland area. HHC proposes that Conservation agree to a 20' radius. Pam will ask about obtaining the larger radius. Or how we formally request an exemption.
5. The board would like to thank Tim Kilhart, DPW director, for replacing the cap on the post of the stone wall adjacent to the Bromfield driveway. Pam will be the messenger there.
6. **Bromfield wall rebuild:** The idea is to replicate what is there in the newly reconstructed wall, mortared in and made to look like a double wall. The suggestion was to make the project smaller in order to divide it up into two jobs over this year and next as there is not enough money to finish the entire wall this year. And get more money next year. Pam will ask Didi and Marie if we can change the project.
6. **Historic District sign review and recommendation:** The Commissioners reviewed and discussed over 24 pictures of

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various signages from towns and areas in Massachusetts. A sample style was chosen that had two metal posts, bronze anodized, the town seal and a font that the town uses. The color of the sign itself will be white with black lettering. There will be three signs; one at the bottom of Elm Street and two at Town Hall. Each sign will indicate an entrance to Town Hall, the fire station and Hildreth House from various points. Ben will present the choice to Tim Bragan.

On another matter, Manny has suggested that we look at the signs in the center of town in order to have a more uniform look. There are many route signs, direction signs and informational signs making for a haphazard look in the bucolic center. Most probably cannot be changed due to the fact that they are state signs indicating speed and route numbers.

7. **How to tackle master plan assignments:** Tabled until next time.

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

1. Monument Committee (DV):

The monument committee met with Basement Technologies. They quoted resurfacing the existing concrete of the WWII monument as \$3800. Central District Flagpole Restoration quoted \$2650 to paint the flagpole. Regonni-Zoll's quote for plaque restoration was \$8000. Eagle Scout, Jonathan McWhite proposes lighting the top of the flagpole as his project. It was proposed that the committee step up the time frame and begin some of the work this summer. This would include resurfacing the base, painting the flagpole and removing the plaques. They will discuss, with the selectmen, what monies are available for this project as CPC funds will not be available until June 2018.

2. **CPC** (PM) Recap meeting on 5/17 with CPC. Pam, David, George and Ben attended CPC at the request of that board. CPC would like to work on a long range plan in order to disburse CPC monies in the future. HHC was asked to alert CPC as to any upcoming projects we see coming up that would qualify for CPC funds.

3. **Cemetery Commission** (DS) no news

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Demolition Delay Legislation

Workshop by Mass Historical (PM): Pam attended a workshop put on by Mass Historical outlining the steps for towns to create Demolition Delay Bylaws. Once drafted the by laws will be presented to ATM for approval. A committee was created, consisting of Pam, Ben and George.

2. **How to fill vacant seats:** HHC has vacant seats. They should be filled.

Bylaws account for:

| | Name | Sponsor | Term Expiration |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Steve Nigzus | Board of Realtors | 6/30/19 |
| 2 | George Triantaris | Conservation Commission | 6/30/19 |
| 3 | Daria Swanton | Planning Board | 6/30/17 |
| 4 | Emanuel Lindo | American Institute of Architects | 6/30/18 |
| 5 | Ben Guthro | Board of Selectmen | 6/30/19 |
| 6 | Pam Marston | Board of Selectmen | 6/30/17 |
| 7 | David Vannicola | Board of Selectmen | 6/30/18 |

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A discussion was had on how we can recruit people to fill the vacant seats on HHC. Members were encouraged to ask neighbors to see if they might be interested in joining the commission. New members need not be residents of an historical district nor need they be an owner of an historical house. Notices of vacancies can be printed in Next Door and The Press.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2017

Meeting Adjourned 8:38.