

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

13 AYER ROAD • HARVARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01451



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Minutes for Regular Meeting

Location: Center on the Common, 7 Fairbank St., Fireplace Room

Wednesday Evening Nov 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM

"Oversee modifications to the Harvard Common and Shaker Village Historic Districts in accordance with the state and local bylaws, and generally support historic preservation in Harvard."

TOPICS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Members present: Ken Swanton, Joe Theriault, Chris Cutler, Pam Marston, Moe Dancause, Sherry Graham

Members absent: Ron Ostberg

Audience: Craig Kilmer, owner of CK Bikes; Rhonda Sprague, business owner near CK bikes; Ben and Kate Guthro, property owners in district; Janet Beaty, property owner in district

Possible commission staffers: Lynne Cook, Sally Dancause, Susan Lee and Orville Dodson

Review/approve minutes: This was put off until the next meeting.

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness:

The commission received an application for a fence from Janet Beatty. She has a picture of the fence that she proposes. She will take the plan to Janet Valente. HHC voted that the fence is significant. The vote was unanimous. The commission members will work on this application at the next meeting.

Review of Applications for Certificates Public Hearing:

1. General Store Bike Shop Sign public hearing

Craig Kilmer wants to put a sign on his bike shop. The idea being the simpler the better. Rhonda is here as an abutter and is concerned about the type of sign. They discussed the size of the sign, perhaps making it smaller. (Craig had a full size bike to show the size he proposed). A suggestion was maybe a 3'x4' sign that goes on the roof on the entrance. After much discussion about the size of the sign and the material to be used, the commissioners decided to ask for an extension for the Dec 3 meeting. Chris will speak with Craig about types of signs other than the full scale bike he brought to the meeting.

2. 13 Fairbanks St. Swing Set public hearing

Guthro's propose a swing set in their yard between Old Littleton Road and Fairbank Street. A motion was made to consider the application appropriate. The vote was unanimous.

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3. The Powder House Door certificate was presented today. Robert Adam presented pictures of what he proposes to replace the door with. Also, there is money left over to repair the inside. The commission decided that the repair was insubstantial so a public hearing is not necessary. Pam will notify abutters that HHC will meet to discuss the door repair. Moe will take over this project.

4. Town Hall Renovation:

The architect will have new information next week. Commissioners thought that the Commission should send Tim Bragan a letter saying we will approve.

Discussion with new volunteers

Historic property committee will be concerned with historic properties. Sherry is the chair, Sally will do data entry. Susan Lee will be on that committee. Lynne will help.

Historic districts committee will manage the districts. It will work with people to help them with their applications.

Toni Bacconti created the database of properties in the districts. (Anne Hentz is also a volunteer.)

The following were appointed as volunteers for HHC:

Toni, Lynne, Sally, Orville, Susan. The vote was unanimous.

Status of Open Applications/Projects

1. Hildreth House Window Replacement: there are no bids as of now. Tom Garfield is trying to find a way to have the town pay for materials and have volunteers put the windows in.

2. Stone Wall in front of Bromfield School: Chris will go to Park and Rec to keep the project moving. CPC is planning on providing money over the next two years to repair the wall.

3. Historic House Marker Program: Pam reports that the marker program has started and that there are two applications which have been approved.

4. Modern Historical Commission maps for town meeting updates will be discussed at the December meeting.

Review Action Item List

#4 HHC wants to make sure that CPC knows where the money is being spent for historical properties and that it is being spent for historical preservation only. Case in point, the Town Hall for our approval.

#5 tabled.

#6 Ken will send us the revised edition he has worked on.

#8 Proposal to accept

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#10 Table the map.

#11 Districts inventory done and compared with original map. Historic districts committee will follow up with this.

Reports from Committees and Liaisons:

Membership Cmte (JT) – inclusion of new members

Cemetery Commission Liaison (MD)

Communications Cmte (JT)

Community Preservation Cmte Liaison (PM) They will be discussing the applications at the next meeting.

Local Register of Historic Places Program (JT)

Master Plan Steering Cmte Liaison (JT) there is a stop on this for now.

New Business

Ken resigned as chairman to take a new position on the board of selectmen. The commission members thanked him for his leadership over the past 4 years.

The next meeting will be Dec 3, 2014.

Adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Marston, Secretary