

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 at Hildreth House on Mar 14, 2018 at 7:30pm.

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER:

7:30

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

George Triantaris
Daria Swanton
Aron Clarke
Pam Marston (Secretary)
Emanuel Lindo
Ben Guthro (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice-Chair)

Steve Nigzus

Audience: Linda Dwight and architects, Debbie and Fred Hinchliffe,, Wade Holtzman, Ken Swanton, Ron Ostberg, Mark Sevigny (applicant) ,Sydney Blackwell (notification of indigenous artifacts)

MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA: None

The meeting was called to order 7:30

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes were accepted for the February meeting. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: (None)

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED: (None)

NEW APPLICATIONS:

1. Guthro Fence application: David ran the meeting for the fence application. Neighbors asked that he survey the land. The repair will be 40' ft of existing fence and an extension. It was voted to be substantial. The vote was unanimous.
2. Sevigny Driveway/Hardscape application: Mark will be resurfacing his driveway, rebuilding an existing stone wall and creating a new patio. The vote was unanimous for a substantial application.

ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. School Building Committee Presentation
Linda Dwight spoke to the group describing the project saying that the idea is to make the project one that is compatible with the rest of the district. Wade asked about the driveway, where would it go? There was a question about the location of the administrative offices. Debbie questioned the size of the solar array and commented that the building looks like an army barracks. Fred had a question about the routing of the bus traffic.
2. Town Warrant question as to a rework for the map of the district and clarification of school buildings in historic districts: There was a discussion about clarification of the current historical district map. We could ask selectmen to put forth a warrant to exclude the school buildings or HHC could submit a warrant with same or with including school buildings in the district. The current interpretation is not totally clear. A motion was made and approved unanimously to ask Ken to ask others to help us create a warrant article.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. Town Center Sidewalks material (BG) The commission voted on the material for sidewalks. The choices were asphalt or concrete. Concrete was chosen by all but Steve.
2. Bromfield wall rebuild (EL) The repair and construction of 80' of the wall has been completed. The company submitted a payment request. They offered to finish the next section of the wall, approximately 40', at the same rate as the original bid. It came up as more than we had in the account so S&R Campos is refining their bid.
3. Historic District Signage (EL) table it for the future

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Sydney Blackwell - Indigenous Stone Landscapes: We have a number of these structures in Harvard, primarily on private land and well hidden from the public way. Historical Commissions are required to preserve these structures but most are not known. There will be a talk April 5 at 7:30 at Volunteer's Hall in the library to alert the public to these important historical landmarks. David and Pam will meet with the speaker at 4:00.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee (DV) Work has begun on the WWI monument. Regonini Zoll is waiting for the new material to arrive.

CPC (PM) none

Cemetery Commission (DS) none

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Apr 4, 2018

Meeting Adjourned 9:38