

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Following are the **minutes** for the public hearing of the Harvard Historical Commission at Volunteers Room, on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7pm**. Submitted by Richard Cabelus.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam Marston (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice Chair)
Emanuel Lindo
Richard Cabelus

MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA: George Triantarius and Steve Nizus

AUDIENCE: Willie Wickman, Scott Hayward, Mark Mikitarian

CALL TO ORDER:

7:02

TOPICS:

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of July, 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Scott Hayward 5 Elm Street, renovation of residence. 7:03 pm the public hearing was called to order. Chairwoman Marston introduced Mr. Hayward and gave the Committee a brief introduction of what Mr. Hayward planned to do to his residence. Mr. Hayward then proceeded to explain the proposed project which is essentially two parts: the replacement of gutters, wherein he wants to replace his wooden gutters with tin. Mr. Hayward also stated that he wants to replace the shutters, in kind, and they will be of the same color. Mr. Hayward also indicated that he desires to remodel the back of his residence by tearing off part of the porch, cutting back part of the deck and creating a three-season enclosed porch. The proposed three-season porch will have new windows that fold up on the inside. The prospective windows are made from pine with the outside being white aluminum. The elevation of the back of the house will also be adjusted to accommodate these renovations. Mr. Hayward made his presentation by means of a projection of images and also brought in sample materials of the gutters. The Committee had a few questions for Mr. Hayward regarding his prospective project but all members expressed approval of his plans. Emanuel Lindo motioned to accept Mr. Hayward's project which was seconded by Richard Cabelus. The Motion was approved unanimously at 7:25 pm.

NEW APPLICATIONS APPROVED: None

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1. Willie Wickman for Fivesparks (Cultural Collaborative aka Old Library) new sign. At 7:26 Five Sparks presented its application. They proposed to install a yard arm style sign similar to what was there before. It

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will measure 3' x 2' and will be engraved with their logo. They asserted that the signage will be in compliance with Harvard bylaws and they proffered a landscape architect's sketch of the prospective sign and its location. Chairwoman Marston indicated that under the regulations signs are automatically a substantial change. Some commentary was then made by Committee members and the presenters about the direction of the sign and the area in general. The Chairwoman explained what would be required to move the application along and what the Committee would like to see at the hearing and how abutters would be notified. David Vannicola motioned that the sign is a substantial change requiring further hearing. Emanuel Lindo seconded the motion. The Commission voted 4-0 at 7:39 that the application was substantial and the application will go to public hearing and that an abutters list shall issue.

ON-GOING APPLICATIONS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Herb House maintenance (EL). Emanuel Lindo talked about the Herb House maintenance. He articulated the importance of maintaining the Herb House and how if it falls into too great a state of disrepair the resources may not be available to salvage it, and it is in the interests of the Commission to be proactive. He stated that perhaps 2 members of the committee or project team could do a brief survey report of the Herb House. Discussion of the report ensued and it was discussed that the report should articulate the Herb House history, a synopsis of its conditions and approach for its upkeep. There was also discussion of a cost estimate and how those funds should be procured to maintain it. Chairwomen Marston moved for the development of a project team and how keys to the Herb House are available to be signed out at the Harvard police station.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of creating a survey of historical properties in town, not just districts, in order to prepare for Demolition Delay. Chairwoman Marston discussed compiling a list of Historical homes in Harvard and possible steps to come up with a list. It was proposed to have Steve come up with the list and cross reference that list with those of historical periodicals.
2. Discussion on non applicable applications (GT) postponed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COA Hildreth House Building Project. 8:08 pm Chairwoman Marston discussed the Hildreth House building project. She explained the patio is projected to be in the Historical District. The Committee discussed the overall project and the pros and cons of it.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Monument Committee. No activity to report.

CPC: The Committee discussed that Governor Baker signed a law for more CPC funding and the prospects of finishing the wall in Town in the future.

Cemetery Commission. No activity.

Demolition Delay Committee: (PM) (GT)

1. Discuss the Tilden House article and how we can use it for our presentation
2. Discuss how to determine significance of old houses.
3. Discuss presentation to select board re Demolition delay. Find pictures of old houses prior to being torn down, most recently, Vic Minich's on Ayer Road and house at corner of Patee Rd and Mill Rd.



postponed until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2019

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to close and adjourn approved

8:29 pm