

TOWN OF HARVARD
OLD LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
May 7, 2018
Town Hall
13 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA

Attendees: Chris Cutler, Pete Jackson, Wendy Cote-Magan, Mark Mikitarian, Ken Swanton, Lucy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 5:34PM

The minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved unanimously (Ken moved, Lucy seconded)

The Committee reviewed the May 4, 2017 plans from Abacus architects that were prepared for review with the Harvard Historical Commission (HHC). In general, the committee liked the plans. Wendy said that it is important for the top of new granite on the sides on the stoop to align with the top of the large blocks on the building. The Committee wondered about the height, material and color on any retaining wall near the proposed steps from the path to the street. Abacus will be asked about this, as to whether it is a retaining wall, or just a curb.

This set of plans will now be sent to HHC as advance material before the meeting of OLAC and Abacus with the HHC on May 9. Ken conveyed a conversation he had with the HHC chair, and indicated that OLAC should now submit the HHC application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Committee agreed and Lucy and Ken will fill one out on May 8 and submit it along with an abutters list in excel. We will indicate to HHC that we plan to replace the side door with a glass panel, in keeping with its historic appearance, and if funds permit will remove the brick infill and replace with glass on the adjoining windows as well.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Submitted by Ken Swanton