

of CPA funds available for distribution. In the current FY13 funding cycle, the CPC has received fifteen applications, requesting over \$2.4 million for projects relating to all four CPA eligible categories. However, the amount estimated to be available for CPA funding in 2013 is approximately \$1.6 million, an amount that includes both current CPA fund collections and funds available in the existing Community Housing Reserve Account, Open Space Reserve Account, and Undesignated Land Acquisition Fund.

State matching funds are generated by filings at the Commonwealth's Registries of Deeds and is impacted both by the recovering state of the real estate economy and the number of community's participating in the CPA program (155). This year, Concord's State match has stayed relatively stable at 26.64%. Further, recently passed CPA funding legislation has widened the available uses for CPA funding, particularly in regard to Recreation projects, and is anticipated to increase to the amount of available State matching funds in future years.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION



From left seated: Dennis Fiori, Stephen Newbold, Marta Brooks, Chair; Jack Clymer. From left standing: Justin King, Virginia McIntyre, Anthony Mallows, Terry Gregory, Betsy Roosa, Karen Silver

The Historic Districts Commission (HDC) is charged with “the preservation and protection of buildings, places and districts of historic or literary significance” within Concord’s six local historic districts - the American Mile, Barrett Farm, Church Street, Hubbardville, Main Street, and Monument Square/North Bridge. Concord’s Historic Districts Act (Chapter 345) was one of the first such bylaws in Massachusetts when it was passed in 1960, and over the intervening years the HDC has worked diligently to preserve the

Town’s unique historical and architectural character by encouraging the retention of original building materials and reviewing potential changes to ensure that they are in keeping with the character of the District. As part of this process, the HDC regularly reviews applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for changes to exterior features which are visible from the public way.

The following is a list of applications by category (a single application may involve several categories)

Addition	9
Air Conditioning Equipment	4
Alterations	2
Amendment to previous Approval	6
Chimney Cap	2
Decks and/or Ramps	6
Demolition	4
Doors	5
Dormer	3
Driveway	2
Fencing	11
Garage Doors	5
Generator	1
Landscaping	3
Lighting	12
New Construction	4
Paint Colors	5
Patio Areas	3
Paving	5
Pool and Pool House	1
Porches	4
Roofs/Gutters/Chimneys/Vents	11
Shutters	2
Siding	2
Signage	13
Sign Post	1
Solar Panels	1
Staircases	1
Stonewalls/Retaining Walls	8
Traffic Signals	1
Windows	17

The HDC held 22 regularly scheduled public meetings at which 94 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed. The Commission issued 85 Certificates of Appropriateness. Three of the Certificates of Appropriateness were for extensions of existing Certificates and six modified previous approvals. Two applications were denied, two withdrawn, and seven were continued at the request of the applicants to an

HDC meeting in 2013. The Commission also scheduled eight official site visits in addition to its meetings. The Committee spent much of the early portion of 2012 working to resolve an appeal filed in 2011. No new appeals were filed in 2012.

In addition to conducting project reviews, the Commission continued its efforts to refine the Historic District's Design Guidelines, working to clarify its suggestions for specific building elements and to develop new sections for elements not previously discussed. Commission Members approved and put into use the HDC's first complete set of Rules and Regulations that it will continue to review and maintain over time. As part of the Commission Member training, the Commission held a meeting to receive Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest training.

Commission Member Marta Brooks has served as Chair with Stephen Newbold as Vice-Chair and Jack Clymer serving as Secretary. The HDC welcomed three new members in 2012 including full Member Virginia McIntyre and Associate Members Justin King and Anthony Mallows. More recently, the HDC has bid farewell to Associate Member Karen Silver, whose hard work, expertise and contributions to the HDC were much appreciated. Her sound judgment and her light touch will be missed.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Valarie J. Kinkade, Chair
Annette Bagley
Holly Larner
Geoffrey Taylor
Electa Tritsch
Ellen Denison, Associate
Dawn Epstein, Associate
Andrew Koh, Associate

2012 saw the conclusion of some major projects and the beginning of new initiatives for the Commission. The Commission moved ahead with a survey of historic assets in West Concord and began a process to address long-standing concerns regarding the Concord Demolition Delay Bylaw. The Commission welcomed two new Associate Members. We are very thankful for the continued support of these and other volunteers who have worked on behalf of the preservation of Concord's historic resources. Unfortunately, the long

fought battle to save Hanger 24 was lost and MassPort demolished the structure.

Ongoing Work

Work this year included the administration of several programs and issues including Section 106 reviews for cell tower placements, oversight of the Demolition Delay Bylaw, administration of the Historic House Marker Program, and suggestions of historic street names for new developments. The Historical Commission has provided guidance regarding the redesign of Cambridge Turnpike, Crosby's Corner and the Rte. 2 Rotary, planned redevelopment of Millbrook Tarry, as well as the Thoreau Amble, and development on Squaw Sachem Trail. The CHC conducted annual site visits to properties for which the Town holds historic preservation restrictions.

Preservation Award for the Henry David Thoreau Birthplace

The Historical Commission successfully nominated the Wheeler-Minot House, the birthplace of Henry David Thoreau, for a Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award. The outstanding preservation work by the Thoreau Farm Trust incorporating preservation, sustainability and education garnered the State's highest praise at an awards ceremony held at the State House.

