

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.

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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.



Community Preservation Act Funding Program

CHC reviewed six applications in the Historic Preservation category for Community Preservation Act funding. Due to ongoing concerns about the preservation of the Wheeler-Harrington House and Harrington Park, the CHC applied to the Concord Preservation Committee for funding in 2013, for a multi-faceted study to include an historic structures report, a cultural landscape report and environmental study. The CPC has recommended funding for the studies and it is hoped that the voters will support the project at Town Meeting in April.

Demolition Delay Bylaw Review

In light of on-going threats to Concord's historical resources, the Historical Commission undertook an extensive review of the Town's current Demolition Delay By-Law. Commission members studied bylaws in other towns, reviewed the bylaw delay period and penalties for violations, and looked at the criteria for properties on the list. The result is a planned re-drafting of the bylaw with the intent of public hearings on the revised bylaw in 2013.

Colonel James Barrett Farm Transfer



On October 27, the Historical Commission came together with McGrath descendents, representatives of Federal, State, and Town government, local citizens, restoration professionals, donors and others in celebration of the completion of the restoration of the Colonel James Barrett House. The occasion was also marked by the transfer of the site from ownership by Save Our Heritage, the group that led the spectacular restoration, to the Minute Man National Historical Park. The Park will now operate Barrett Farm as part of the National Historical Park.

Inventory of Historic Resources Survey Update and Photography

In August, the Historical Commission began its update of the Town's Survey of Historic and Architectural Resources. With grants from the Community Preservation Act and the Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey and Planning Grants Program, an architectural consultant has begun to survey and update the Town's information on 70 historic structures and areas of historic interest concentrated in West Concord. In addition to this work, the Commission was fortunate to have the volunteer services of Concord resident Tommy Bagley who has, over the past year, re-photographed all of the properties in the Historic Resources Master Plan. These photographs have been uploaded to the Town's GIS System. Thank you Tommy for all of your hard work!

Projects Planned for 2013

A revision of the Historic House Marker Program is planned for 2013. The Commission has also been working towards revamping the Commission's page on the Town's website in order to provide resources which will inspire interest in the Town's history.