Historic District Commission
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Philip Pane Lower Hearing Room

Members Present: Harvey Steiner, Linda Sternberg, Carolyn Famiglietti, John Hecker

Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Susan C. Jenness, Christopher J. Hayward

Steiner chaired.

Steiner began the meeting by announcing that Chris Hayward who is the Conservation and Preservation Agent as well as the Tree Warden for the town, received the distinguished honor of being named the Seth H. Swift Tree Warden of the Year for Award for 2017.

Hayward was selected for the award out of all of the tree wardens from the 351 communities across the state.

Hayward was nominated by Louise Civetti a resident of Watertown and colleague here in town hall for his tireless work around education for the public and community outreach. After being nominated by Civetti, his nomination was reviewed by the awards committee for the Massachusetts Tree Warden and Forrester Association. He was then selected him as the winner for 2017.

Hayward will also be honored by having a tree planted in the town in his name in the spring.

A warm round of applause took place and congratulations were wished. Many attendees thanked Hayward for his service.

1) **Public Hearing-Continuation of Certificate of Appropriateness #HDO-16-8- 195 Mt. Auburn St., Clark Elefteriadis-** for the proposal of the installation of a ground based air conditioning condenser and associated wall conduit on the Franklin St. side of property. Elefteriadis explained that he had taken all of the advice from the Historic District Commission (HDC) and Hayward and has been working with his contractor since the last meeting.Elefteriadis reviewed the photographs he submitted with the HDC.

Hecker said he preferred the photograph numbered 2 in from Elefteriadis presentation, because the horizontal component visible in the other photos tuck under the fascia in this version.

Famiglietti agreed with Hecker. Steiner asked if there was an alternative size of pipe visible in the photos. Elefteriadis said that he could ask about that and also if they could hide the pipe inside of the downspout although he had previously said that was not possible.

Steiner asked Elefteriadis to come back with a new drawing and with some samples of the materials being used. Steiner also asked to find out of it would be possible to put the pipe into the actual down spout and plant some vegetation to conceal it from being visible. Elefteriadis said that he would try to meet all their requests and that he would be back next month on February 22, 2017.

Motion: Sternberg made a motion to continue this hearing for the February 22, 2017 HDC Meeting. Hecker seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached continuing this hearing to the February 22, 2017 HDC meeting.

2) Minutes September 28, 2016. After review a motion was made to adopt the minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Sternberg made a motion to approve the minutes. Famiglietti seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached approving the minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting.

3) Review and Adoption of 2017 Meeting dates and filing deadlines for the Historic District Commission.

After review, a motion was made to approve the meeting dates and filing deadlines for 2017.

Motion: Sternberg made a motion to approve the meeting dates and deadlines for the Historic District Commission for 2017. Hecker seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached approving the dates and deadlines for the Historic District Commission for 2017.

4) Old Business

a. **Update on 106 Mt. Auburn St – Miles Pratt House-** Hayward reported the he and Steiner had met with Carissa Denmore of Historic New England with respect to the Preservation Restriction on the property originating from the buildings pre-existing association with Philips Church across the street.

   Hayward, Steiner, and Denmore had visited the site with Tangredi, the owner of the property. At the site visit, there were some windows that were noticed as not meeting the standards of Historic New England. Don McDermott a contractor is currently working on repairing rotted wood, copper gutters at the house under a Certificate of Non Applicability that was issued using standards of Historic New England to ensure the Preservation Restriction is being honored.

Hayward reported that he will be following Historic New England as a guide when work is proposed on the home and permitting is required.

The Building Inspector has ordered that Mr. McDermott notify Hayward when all work has been completed so that he can come and inspect the work to ensure compliance with Historic New England.

5) New Business

a. Conflict of Interest Law Training 2017-2018-Link emailed out on December 28, 2016-Certification to be filed in the Conservation Office by April 7, 2017. Hayward reminded HDC members that they are required to take Conflict of Interest Training by April 7, 2017 and file the certificate with the Conservation Office

b. Review of Letter from K & P regarding Ballot Questions and Political Activity for Town Officials, employees and members of boards and commissions. The letter from K & P was briefly reviewed and Hayward asked members if they had any questions to feel free to reach out to him at any time. **Motion**: Sternberg made a motion to adjourn. Hecker seconded the motion. **Vote:** A unanimous vote was reached to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.