

Lincoln Historical Commission
Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Multi-Purpose Room, Hartwell Building

Board Members: Lucretia Giese, LHC Chair, HDC/LHC; Andrew Glass, HDC Chair, HDC/LHC; Christopher Boit, HDC/LHC; Doug Adams, HDC/LHC;

Alternates: Frank Clark, HDC/LHC; Judith Lawler, HDC/LHC

(Members unavailable: Andy Ory, HDC/LHC, Lynn DeLisi, HDC; Rick Rundell, HDC)

Others Present: Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

NEXT ANTICIPATED MEETINGS: Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room

Historic District Commission:

Additions to Existing Lincoln Historic District and New Brown's Wood Historic District:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Andrew Glass announced that the Historic District Commission (HDC) would be proposing at Town Meeting two warrant articles: the addition of 19 Modern houses to the Historic District; and the creation of a new Brown's Wood Historic District consisting of 11 Modern houses. The homeowners are all voluntarily participating. Friends of Modern Architecture (FoMA) and members of the HDC have been meeting with owners of Modern houses since the fall of 2016. Both the HDC and FoMA believe that the more than 300 Modern houses in Lincoln constitute an important part of the history of the Town. Lincoln's existing Historic District consists of 73 properties in four areas of Town. The newly proposed properties include representative work by noted local and nationally- and internationally-known Modern architects that range in date from 1937, the earliest Modern house in Lincoln, to 1969. They are widely distributed and visible from a public way. The HDC has reviewed the proposal with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, and made a presentation at the State of the Town meeting in November 2017. The HDC submitted reports to the Planning Board and the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), each of which voted to approve the reports. The MHC in its enthusiastic approval noted that the Massachusetts Historic Districts Act which permits non-contiguous house historic districts was being activated for the first time in the State. At the meeting, Mr. Glass presented a slide show of 20 of the Modern homes involved and spoke briefly about their historic and architectural significance, after which he opened the meeting up for discussion. Dana Robbat, president of FoMA, at 151 Old Concord Road, thanked the Commission for its work, and Mr. Glass thanked Ms. Robbat for FoMA's support and participation. Lucretia Giese made a motion to approve the report as written entitled "Proposed Addition of Modern Houses to the Town of Lincoln Historic District". Doug Adams seconded the motion. The HDC vote to approve was unanimous. 138 Trapelo Road has asked to be removed at this time as reflected in the approved report. Lucretia Giese made a motion to approve the report as written entitled "Proposed Brown's Wood Historic District". Christopher Boit seconded the motion. The HDC vote to approve was unanimous. The next steps in the process involve preparation of the warrant articles, drafts of which will be sent to Commission members, and presentation of the proposals for vote at Town Meeting on March 24, 2018.

Minutes: Lucretia Giese made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting as written. Doug Adams seconded the motion. The HDC vote to approve was unanimous.

At 8:10 p.m., Lucretia Giese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Glass seconded the motion. The HDC/LHC vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Submitted by Elaine Carroll

Approved: 2/6/18