

SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

The Salem Historical Commission is a volunteer board of Salem residents appointed by the Mayor. The Commission's mission is to provide regulatory design review within Salem's four designated local historic districts. The Commission also provides community-wide historic preservation planning assistance by promoting historic preservation awareness and by commenting on projects that may impact historic resources.

Certificates Issued

During the year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the Salem Historical Commission met regularly 22 times and had 1 site visit during which a quorum was present. In its capacity as Historic District Commission for 4 local districts, the Commission received 152 applications and filed a total of 167 certificates including:

- 74 Certificates of Appropriateness;
- 5 Certificates of Hardship;
- 74 Certificates of Non-Applicability;
- 8 Waivers of the Demolition Delay Ordinance; and
- 6 Denials:
 - 5 for Certificate of Appropriateness.
 - 1 for Waiver of the Demolition Delay Ordinance

Certificates issued are provided to the owner of the property, the City Clerk and the Building Inspector and are kept on file in the Department of Planning and Community Development according to address. A list of all Certificates issued can be found in the Certified Local Government Annual Report, which is on file at the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Minutes of all meetings are also available at the Department of Planning and Community Development and, beginning July 1, 2006, on-line on the City's website www.salem.com.

Commission Members

The Commission is regularly comprised of seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members.

Richard Stevens moved out of the City of Salem and was therefore not reappointed. Lance Kasparian resigned from the Commission effective September 1, 2005. Jessica Herbert was voted in a Vice Chair on September 21, 2005. Michael Marcil's term expired on March 1, 2006 and was not reappointed. Louis Mangifesti resigned from the Commission effective March 24, 2006.

As of June 20, 2006, current members are Hannah Diozzi (Chair), Jessica Herbert (Vice Chair),

Douglas Desrocher, Larry Spang and Kathryn Harper. There are three full member and one alternate member vacancies.

Workshops/Seminars

Hannah Diozzi attended the following:

- Preservation Mass workshop in Lexington entitled Historic District 101, November, 2005.
- A series of architectural tours in Chicago, Illinois, May, 2006

Kathy Harper attended Preservation 201 presented by Preservation Mass. in partnership with MA Historical Commission, March, 2006 at North Shore Community College, Beverly, MA.

Survey & Planning Grant Projects

In April, 2005, the City of Salem received an \$15,000 funding award from the FY05 Survey and Planning Grant program to support a Point Neighborhood Preservation Plan for a total project cost of \$30,000. The grant project is currently underway.

In May, 2006, the City of Salem received a \$15,000 funding award from the FY06 Survey and Planning Grant program to support a feasibility study of the U.S. Coast Guard Barracks on Winter Island to begin in FY07.

Other Activities

At the request of Historic Salem, Inc., a CLG evaluation was completed for 69 Boston Street and provided to Massachusetts Historical Commission on July 8, 2005.

At the request of the Women's Friend Society, a CLG evaluation was completed for 12-14 Hawthorne Blvd. In April, 2006, the Commission received a copy of a letter sent to the Women's Friend Society from Massachusetts Historical Commission, concurring that the property is eligible for listing on the National Register.

Larry Spang, who is serving as the Commission's representative for the Salem Redevelopment Authority's committee to redevelop the old Salem Jail, reviewed Design Development Drawings on behalf of the Commission and a letter with comments was provided to Massachusetts Historical Commission.

This report was completed by Jane A. Guy on behalf of the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Salem Historical Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of the Salem Historical Commission