

SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the Salem Historical Commission met regularly 21 times and had one site visit during which a quorum was present. In its capacity as Historic District Commission for 4 local districts, the Commission received 151 applications and filed a total of 161 certificates including:

- 70 Certificates of Appropriateness;
- 2 Certificates of Hardship;
- 82 Certificates of Non-Applicability;
- 5 Waivers of the Demolition Delay Ordinance; and
- 2 Denials:
 - 1 for Certificate of Appropriateness, and
 - 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.

Laurie Bellin was appointed to the Commission in July, 2006 after expressing an interest in serving on the Commission. David Hart was appointed to the Commission in July, 2006 after expressing an interest in serving on the Commission. Larry Spang changed from a full member to an alternate. Kathryn Harper changed from an alternate to a full member.

As of June 30, 2007, current members are Hannah Diozzi (Chair), Jessica Herbert (Vice Chair), Douglas Desrocher, Larry Spang, Kathryn Harper, Laurie Bellin and David Hart. There are two vacancies; one for a full member and one for an alternate member.

Workshops/Seminars

Larry Spang obtained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Jessica Herbert attended a lecture series at Colonial Williamsburg, including one on woodworking and one on period gardens.

David Hart attended the following:

- Boston Society of Architects - Preservation Committee Monthly Meetings, 9/06-6/07 (lectures on variety of topics)
- Lecture, Historic New England, "Asher Benjamin, Architectural Designs", 9/28/06
- "Nooks and Crannies" tour of Beauport, Gloucester, MA, Historic New England, 9/27/06
- Portsmouth, NH, 10/7/06 & 10/8/06 tours of:
 - Rundlett May House
 - Jackson House
 - Moffat Ladd House
- Visited 2006 restoration of Louis Kahn's museum building at Yale University, February, 2007
- Newton Historical Society, tour of historic houses, May, 2007

Survey & Planning Grant Projects

The City of Salem received \$15,000 in FY06 Survey and Planning Grant program funding for a reuse study of the U.S. Coast Guard Administration Building on Winter Island (total project cost of \$35,000). The grant project was completed during this fiscal year.

In May, 2007, the City of Salem received a notice of funding award in the amount of \$18,000 from the FY07 Survey and Planning Grant program to conduct a Neighborhood Architectural Conservation District study to begin in FY08.

Other Activities

The Commission provided letters of support for:

- City of Salem application for a Survey and Planning Grant for a Neighborhood Architectural Conservation District study;
- City of Salem application for Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund for rehabilitation of the Coast Guard barracks on Winter Island;
- Salem Public Library application for Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund for slate roof and copper balustrade repair; and
- 2007 Preservation Award from Massachusetts Historical Commission for 18 Crombie Street.

The Commission provided comment letters for:

- Pedrick Store House project for the Salem Maritime National Historic Site;
- Salem Jail redevelopment project;
- North Street Reconstruction Extra Work Order;
- J. Michael Ruane Judicial Center/Salem Trial Courts; and
- Bridge Street Reconstruction - 25% Submission Drawings.

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