

**SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009**

*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, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the Salem Historical Commission met 23 times during which a quorum was present. In its capacity as Historic District Commission for 4 local districts, the Commission received 112 applications and filed a total of 121 certificates including:

- 50 Certificates of Appropriateness;
- 2 Certificates of Hardship;
- 64 Certificates of Non-Applicability;
- 2 Waivers of the Demolition Delay Ordinance; and
- 3 Denials for Certificate of Appropriateness.

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 on-line on the City's website [www.salem.com](http://www.salem.com).

**Commission Members**

The Commission is regularly comprised of seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members. Michael Reiter was appointed on July 15, 2008 and resigned on September 15, 2008. Joanne McCrea was appointed on September 9, 2008. As of June 30, 2009, there are one full member vacancy.

**Workshops/Seminars**

Hannah Diozzi attended the following:

- November 2008 - Tour and PowerPoint presentation of adaptive reuse of Charles Street Jail (Boston) as the Liberty Hotel, given by Cambridge Seven Architects in conjunction with Build Boston
- April 2009 - Architectural tours and classroom presentations at University of Virginia and Monticello, given by Professor James Wooten of the College of William and Mary

- June 2009 - Private docent tour of Trinity Church in Boston including the newly renovated undercroft; sponsored by Boston by Foot

Jessica Herbert attended the following:

- February 2, 2009 - Lecture on Preservation Fund Raising for Herbert House Museum, Hampton, VA

*Note: Ms. Herbert also taught the Restoration Workshop on Antique Moldings for Beginnings, June 17, 2009, Salem, MA*

David Hart attended the following:

- Boston Society of Architects Historic Resources Committee, monthly meetings, Boston Mass.
- September, 2008 - Great Salem Fire Historic Salem Inc., Salem walks, three Sundays
- October, 2008 - Association for Preservation Technology, four day conference, lectures, field visits, Montreal, Canada
- October, 2008 - Historic Preservation Advisory Group Boston Architectural Center, meeting
- November, 2008 - Boston Society of Architects Build Boston Tradeshow
- Jury for a competition for the design of the Church Street parking lot site for Traditional Building and American Institute of Building Designers.

*Mr. Hart was on the jury for a competition for the design of the Church Street parking lot site for Traditional Building and American Institute of Building Designers. Mr. Hart also attended the workshop "Greening the Older Home: Historic Preservation Meets Energy Conservation" which the Commission co-sponsored with Historic Salem Inc., Historic New England, and Essex County Forum in April, 2009.*

### **Grant Awards**

A \$174,000 Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund grant was awarded through the City of Salem's partner, Gordon College, for the Old Town Hall.

A \$75,000 Partners in Preservation Programs grant was awarded through the City of Salem's partner, Gordon College, for the Old Town Hall.

### **Other Activities**

The Commission provided letters of support for:

- City of Salem application for designation as a Preserve America Community;
- Salem Jail Complex – Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit application
- The First Church In Salem – Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund application
- House of the Seven Gables - Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund application
- City of Salem application for variance from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board for the Witch House Handicap Access

The Commission provide comment letters for:

- J. Michael Ruane Judicial Center – 60% Submission
- J. Michael Ruane Judicial Center – 80% Submission
- Bike Path Connection (Bridge Street Bypass to Bridge Street)
- U. S. Post Office, 2 Margin Street – Facility Repairs
- EBI Consulting – Telecommunications facility installation at 181 North Street

The Women's Friend Society at 12-14 Hawthorne Blvd. was accepted for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

This report was completed 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