

**SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010**

*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, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 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 158 applications and filed a total of 169 certificates including:

- 65 Certificates of Appropriateness;
- 3 Certificates of Hardship;
- 93 Certificates of Non-Applicability;
- 6 Waivers of the Demolition Delay Ordinance;
- 1 Denial for a Waiver of the Demolition Delay Ordinance; and
- 1 Denial 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. Douglas Desrocher resigned on May 19, 2010 and on May 26, 2010 a letter was sent to the North Shore Association of Realtors requesting nominations for realtors who reside in Salem. A response with two nominations was received on June 24, 2010 and the process is underway to appoint one of the nominees. As of June 30, 2010, there are two full member vacancies.

**Workshops/Seminars**

Hannah Diozzi attended the following:

- October 2009 and April 2010 - taught 4-part course on Boston's architectural history to Explorer's Life Long Learning Institute of Salem State College
- November 2009 - Architects' and builders' tour of new Cambridge Public Library addition in conjunction with Build Boston

- January 2010 - Private tour of Boston Public Library
- March and May 2010 - Conducted Boston by Foot sponsored tours of Boston's South End for architectural student symposium
- April 2010 - Lecture on federal architecture by Salem preservationist John Goff as part of Boston by Foot annual lecture series
- May 2010 - Walking tour of history and architecture of the City of Lawrence, sponsored by the Essex National Heritage Commission

Jessica Herbert attended the following:

- October, 2009 - Conducted Group Field Research mapping Historic Properties connected to the Albemarle Valley orchard industry at it's peak during the mid-1920's through the 1950's, Crozet, Virginia. Additional Research at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia in preparation for formal paper for publication.
- April, 2010 - Conducted Noontime Group Walking Tour of Historic Herbert House in Hampton, Virginia - Gave Evening on-site Lecture on "Important Changes to ca. 1751 Herbert House during 2007-2009 Restorations"
- April, 2010 - Additional Field Research on Historic Properties of Albemarle Valley in Crozet, Virginia. Meetings with local historians to share materials.
- April, 2010 - Conducted Group Walking Tour for 25 of Historic Westover Plantation in Charles City, Virginia

David Hart attended the following:

- Boston Society of Architects Historic Resources Committee, monthly meetings, Boston Mass.
- Boston Society of Architects monthly meetings on Existing Buildings Code, Boston Mass.
- July, 2009 – Historic District Tour of Florence, OR and Astoria, OR
- September, 2009 – Neighborhood Architecture, Historic Salem, Inc. sponsored walks, two Sundays
- September, 2009 – Tour of five historic properties, Minuteman National Historic Site, Lincoln & Concord, MA
- October, 2009 – Chesterwood, The Mount, visit of historic properties in Western Massachusetts
- November, 2009 - Association for Preservation Technology, four day conference, lectures, field visits, Los Angeles, CA
- November, 2009 - Boston Society of Architects Build Boston Tradeshow
- December, 2009 – Historic Salem, Inc.'s Christmas in Salem tours of 12 historic homes
- January, 2010 – Visit to the NYC Museum of Modern Art, Bauhaus Exhibit
- February, 2010 – Association for Preservation Technology, one day conference, Insulating Masonry Buildings, New York City, NY
- March 2010 - Glass & Glazing in the 21st Century, Design and Preservation of Contemporary and Historic Architecture two day conference sponsored by Technology & Conservation, Inc., MIT, Boston Society of Architects Historic Resources Committee, Cambridge, MA
- April, 2010 – Vernacular Architecture Conference, Sturbridge, MA

- April, 2010 - Tour of Pompei, Herculaneum, Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse, Catania Greek, Roman, Sicilian architecture and archaeological remains in Naples and Sicily, Italy

Joanne McCrea attended the following:

- September, 2009 - Scenic Highways workshop by the Essex Heritage Foundation for Beautiful Highways project, Marblehead, MA

Larry Spang attended the following:

- August, 2009 – Acoustics & Noise Control of Impact Isolation Materials provided by Sound Seal/Impacta Flooring Division
- September, 2009 – Roofing Education Course provided by Sika Sarnafil, Inc.
- October, 2009 – Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General courses in Overview of Supplies and Services, Procurement and Real Property; Procuring Building Construction Contracts under MGL C149; Effective Design and Construction Contract Administration; Prevailing Wage Laws; Conflict of Interest Law
- October, 2009 – Liability Issues in LEED provided by Donovan Hatem, LLP
- December, 2009 – Authentically Green Interiors; Optimizing Nature's Design provided by Green Plants for Green Buildings/Interior Advisory Board
- January, 2010 – Essentials of Specifying Wood Flooring provided by Wood Floor Resource Group
- January, 2010 – Custom Plumbing Fixtures Design provided by Symmons Industries, Inc.
- March, 2010 – Extreme Engineering provided by Arrowstreet
- March, 2010 – Flashing Selection, Installation & Sustainability provided by York Manufacturing
- April, 2010 – Sustainable Masonry and LEED provided by New England Concrete Masonry Association
- May, 2010 – Integrated Project Delivery & BIM provided by Donovan Hatem, LLP
- June, 2010 – Green School Solutions for Massachusetts provided by Collaborative for High Performance Schools

### **Grant Awards**

A \$15,000 Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey and Planning Grant was awarded in March, 2010 for a project to commence in September, 2010 to undertake a historic property survey of Bridge Street Neck.

The City received \$305,977 in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding which was used to provide historically compatible handicapped accessibility improvements to City Hall.

### **Other Activities**

The Commission provided letters of support for:

- Salem Jail Complex – Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit application (3)
- City of Salem application for MHC Survey & Planning Grant for historic survey work in the Bridge Street area

The Commission provided comment letters for:

- Hand railings and asphalt wheelchair ramps in four locations of the Bike Path Connection (Bridge Street Bypass to Bridge Street)
- Telecommunications facility at 281 Essex Street
- Telecommunications facility at 181 North Street (2)
- 75% submission – Bridge Street Reconstruction
- Salem Mission Seeds of Hope Project Notification Form under Section 106 Review
- 232 Essex Street storefront rehabilitation
- 129-151 Lafayette Street Project Notification Form
- Proposal to create parking on Bridge Street in front of the former Salem Jail
- 38 Front Street commercial rehabilitation
- 221 Essex Street commercial rehabilitation
- Telecommunications facility at 320 Lafayette Street

In March, 2010, the Commission submitted a CLG Opinion of Eligibility for National Register for 142 North Street.

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