



PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
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Annual Report, July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013

The Petersham Historic District Commission had a productive year. The Commission met monthly through the year at Petersham Memorial Library.

During the year, the HDC reviewed projects from the Petersham Memorial Library for their exterior front porch roof and which the HDC approved; from Harvard Forest for repairs at Higginson House at 45 North Main Street; and from the Petersham Country Store at 2–4 North Main Street seeking preliminary information on the process for HDC review of any future upgrades that might be undertaken for that building which was recently acquired by a new owner. Two requests came from the Town Selectboard regarding HDC's opinion on a proposed concrete well dome to cover the well head located between the Town Hall & Office Building and the status of a hitching post at the corner of Spring Street and South Main Street. We thank the Selectboard for inclusion of the HDC on these matters. No residential project applications were submitted to the HDC during the year.

We welcome attendance at our meetings which are held under the Town's Historic District Commission Bylaw Article XII. As of this writing, the Commission continues to seek members, particularly, and as required per Bylaw, a person representing the building trades and a person with architectural background.

The Commission is grateful to Petersham residents and fellow town officials for providing their support for preservation of Petersham's history.

Commission Members, 2013–2013:

Nancy Allen, Chair; Robert Clark, Vice Chair;

Christine Mandel, Clerk; Lynn Shaw, member

Meeting Agendas, Minutes, and other materials can be found at the Historic District Commission link on the town web site: www.mytowngovernment.org/01366

ABOUT THE PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Through the diligent hard work of town residents and the commitment of Petersham voters, the Petersham Historic District was established in 1967 as one of the earliest in the Commonwealth. Today, there are more than 215 Districts in 110 towns and cities across the Massachusetts. Since the 1930s, over 2,300 Historic Districts have been established across the United States and the number keeps growing as towns discover and appreciate the "quality of community" benefits brought about by preservation.