

HDC applications by category (A single application may involve several categories.)	
A/C equipment/propane tank screening	4
Addition	3
Awnings	3
Bike Racks	2
Cellular antennas and cable runs	2
Chimneys/chimney cap	4
Cornice details and trim	2
Demolition	1
Driveway/walkway/steps/entrance	16
Exterior alteration	6
Garage/ garage door	4
Gas canopy	2
House relocation	1
Landscape features	5
Lighting	15
Mailbox	1
New construction/reconstruction	8
Paint color	7
Pavement	7
Porch/deck/railings	7
Roof/gutters/downspouts/ flashing	14
Sidewalk furniture	17
Sidewalk/ramp	3
Storage shed	1
Signage	13
Treehouse	1
Walls/fences	16
Weathervane	1
Windows/doors	12

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At Town Meeting, residents of Concord voted to support the Community Preservation Act application of the Drinking Gourd Project (DGP) for funds to restore this historic house; they also authorized the Town Manager to enter into a lease for use of a Town-owned parcel of land near the Old North Bridge. The enthusiastic support of the Town for the preservation and restoration of this house was the high point of the Historical Commission's year. We continue to work with the DGP to provide support for their efforts to move the house to its new location.

Hangar 24 at Bedford-Hanscom Field

The Commission presented our position in opposition to the demolition of Hangar 24 at a public meeting at Hanscom Field. In attendance at that meeting were various elected officials as well as a representative from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. As a direct result of that Hearing, Nancy Butman, representing the Commission, and Nancy Nelson, from Minuteman National Historical Park were able to meet with Brona Simon, the State Historic Preservation Officer, at MHC. We were, however, unable to persuade her not to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Massachusetts Port Authority. The memorandum was signed in June. In August, the Commission was asked to participate as co-appellant in an appeal of the FAA decision to permit the demolition of Hangar 24. After discussion with the Town Manager and Town Counsel and assurances that no cost of the appeal would be borne by the Town, the Commission agreed to participate in the appeal. That appeal is still pending.

Historic Resources Master Plan

Substantial progress has been made in up-dating and digitizing the Master Plan Inventory Forms. This is a critical first step to making this resource available to the public on-line. Individual Inventory Forms will also be linked to the Concord's GIS system and will be accompanied by an up-dated digital photograph. The photographs will also appear on MACRIS--the database of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Historical Commission is grateful for the volunteer assistance of photographer Tom Bagley, a senior at CCHS, for his help with this project. We are also indebted to the Planning Division MassPort intern, Amelia Armitage for her help scanning the inventory forms and to Francesca Ranciman, the Town GIS intern, who has assisted in that phase of the project.

Community Preservation Act Applications

Five applications for CPA funds were related to historic preservation. The review of these applications always provides a wonderful opportunity for the Commission to hear about the preservation plans and efforts being made by so many groups in Concord. This year presentations were made to us by four of the five applicants -- all of them very worthy and interesting projects. Participa-

tion in this program continues to provide tremendous benefits to our Town.

Projects Requiring Historical Commission Review

As usual, the Historical Commission was asked to review applications for the construction of cell towers in Town. Our review process evaluates the impact of new or expanded cell towers on the immediate neighborhood as well as their potential for disrupting historic views.

The Committee approved a renewal of the lease for the Harrington House and initiated an application for National Register designation for the house. Obtaining National Register status for this house has been a long standing goal of the Commission.

We were asked to review potential street names for the Longview Meadow development. When it is possible and appropriate, we recommend that streets reference some aspect of the history of the area. We reviewed progress on the renovations of Fowler Library as per the Community Preservation Committee's grant.

The Committee continues to review and respond to requests for historical house markers in Concord and West Concord.

BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee (BFRTAC) focused on the completion of the West Concord Alternatives Analysis, the advancement of the design of Phase 2A, 2B and 2C, and the continued communication with surrounding communities regarding common trail issues.

In February, the BFRTAC completed the alternatives analysis and held a public information meeting regarding the trail crossing of the Fitchburg commuter rail in West Concord. The solution chosen utilizes the railroad spur and trail users cross the commuter rail at the gated crossing on Commonwealth Avenue.

Lt. Governor Tim Murray and State Senator Jamie Eldridge announced the federal and State funding award of \$931,500 to complete the design of Phases 2A and 2C. This award, combined with the previous allocation of \$500,000 of fiscal year 2009 State Transportation Enhancement funds provides enough money to complete the MassDOT 75% design submission and review, and 100% design submission. A Request for Qualifications was advertised. A selection committee comprised of town staff from Acton, Westford and Concord reviewed the submissions and a design firm was chosen. A design kick-off meeting will be held in early 2011. Throughout the past summer and fall, the BFRTAC reviewed the previously approved 25% design plans of Phase 2C to prepare for this kick-off meeting.

In the past, the Phase 2B segment of the trail that includes the Route 2 crossing was part of the Route 2 Rotary project. In late October, MassDOT chose to separate Phase 2B from the rotary project and fund the design of Phase 2B to the 25% Design level. MassDOT has designated a design firm for Phase 2B. The BFRTAC will provide input regarding the many design elements of Phase 2B of the trail.

In 2011, the BFRTAC will continue its outreach to the community and businesses along the trail as the design of both Phase 2B and Phase 2C moves forward.

