

## HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION



*From left, front: Karen Parker, Sue Rettberg, Chair; Isabella Ehrlich, Sarah Mitchell; Rear: Sarah Myers, Karle Packard, Sam Bird, Marta Brooks, Sally Lanagan, Kevin Paulsen*

The Historic Districts Commission (HDC) is charged with “the preservation and protection of buildings, places and districts of historic or literary significance” within Concord’s six local historic districts - the American Mile, Barrett Farm, Church Street, Hubbardville, Main St., and Monument Square/North Bridge. Established in 1960, Concord’s Historic Districts Act (Chapter 345) was one of the first such bylaws in Massachusetts, and over the last 49 years the HDC has worked diligently to preserve the Town’s unique historical and architectural character by encouraging the retention of original building materials and reviewing potential changes to ensure that they are in keeping with the character of the District. As part of this process, the HDC regularly reviews requests for Certificates of Appropriateness for changes to exterior features which are visible from the public way.

In addition to conducting project reviews, the Commission also continued its work to update the Historic Districts Guidelines. This year, the HDC focused on refining the guidelines for changes to specific building elements and developed new sections for elements not previously discussed. Individual Commission members volunteered their time to work on these sections, which were reviewed and discussed by the full Commission at several meetings over the course of the year. The HDC also worked hard to address existing violations in all of the Districts and has begun work on educational materials to help property owners avoid these issues.

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The Historic Districts Commission held 19 regularly scheduled public meetings on 72 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. The Commission issued 63 Certificates of Appropriateness. Five of these Certificates of Appropriateness were for extensions of previous approvals. Five applications were denied and nine were withdrawn. Three group site visits were held and several individual site visits were made. There were 17 requests for hearing determinations. No appeals were filed.

### HDC Applications by Category (a single application may involve several categories)

A/C equipment	2
Accessible Entrance	1
Addition	9
Amendment to previous	2
Approval	
Bike racks	1
Change Siding	1
Dormer	2
Driveway/walk/steps/entrance	4
Greenhouse	1
Lighting	1
New Handrails	1
Paint	6
Partial demolition	1
Planters	1
Roofs/Gutters/Chimneys/Vents	8
Satellite Dish	1
Sidewalks/Crosswalks/Curbing	1
Signage	10
Stonewalls/Fences	6
Tree house	1
Windows/Doors	7

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Nancy H. Butman, Chair  
David Hupper  
Valarie Kinkade  
Holly Larner  
Barbara Lynn-Davis

### *Hangar 24 at Bedford-Hanscom Field*

The Historical Commission voted unanimously not to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration, the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the replacement of Hangar 24 at Hanscom Field. It has been our consistent position that Hangar 24 is an exceptionally historic structure—possibly eligible for National Register listing in all three