

TO: Massachusetts Historical Commission Members
FROM: Brona Simon, Executive Director
DATE: March 6, 2025
RE: March 12, 2025 Commission Meeting DRAFT Agenda

The Massachusetts Historical Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in a remote meeting hosted on Zoom. The agenda will be as follows:

1:00 Meeting Minutes (vote required)

- a. February 12, 2025 Minutes

1:05 Preservation Planning Division

- 1. National Register Program (vote required), Liz King, National Register Assistant
 - a. Attleboro, Attleboro Jewelry Industry Historic District*
 - b. Boston, South End District (2025 Boundary Increase)*
 - c. Dedham, Mother Brook Lower Mill Pond Historic District*
 - d. Fitchburg, Academy Street Educational Historic District*

1:35 Preservation Planning Division

- 2. Local Historic District Preliminary Study Reports, (vote required), Michael Steinitz, Director, Preservation Planning Division
 - a. Boston – Isabella H. Fox House – Barbara A. Carroll House
 - b. Sharon – Historic District 4
 - c. Springfield – Birnie-Taylor-Lay Blocks Historic District
- 3. FY25 Survey and Planning Grant Awards (vote required), Michael Steinitz, Director, Preservation Planning Division

2:15 Executive Director's Report, Brona Simon, Executive Director

2:25 New Business

2:30 Adjourn

**If more than fifty percent of private property owners in a proposed National Register District object to listing, the nomination will not be included in the final agenda. Every property owner of record may comment and/or object to the proposed National Register Historic District in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 60. These regulations require that owner objections be notarized. However, Section 1746 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code provides a generally applicable alternative to these notarization requirements. Accordingly, the NPS must consider objections made under penalty of perjury consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to be valid objections, even if they are not notarized, if those objections otherwise comply with the requirements in the NPS's regulations. These objections must be counted as valid objections when determining whether a majority of private property owners have objected to listing a property in the National Register. Please contact MHC staff for instructions on submitting a comment or objection.*